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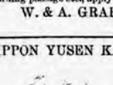

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SASSOON DAVID,
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BUSH—September 8, wife of Commander James Tobin Bush, R N of a son.

CHAPMAN—September 10, at Ivy Bank, Holgate, York, wife of Arthur Chapman, Hongkong Civil Service, of a son.

DYMOTT—September 7, at Dudley Villa, Saltash, wife of Fleet-Pay mr H N Dymett, of a son.

GIBBS—September 3, at Canmore, Westbourne Park Road, Bournemouth, Edith Ellen, wife of Col George Reynell Gibbs, of a son.

HUNTER—September 9, at Hall's Farm, Bramshill Common, wife of Capt George Hunter, of a son.

STANDEN—September 9, at Compton Lodge, Kearsney, wife of Major R H F Standen, Army Service Corps, of a son.

BUIST—September 10, at 14 Wilton Street, S W, wife of Col F B Buist, of a daughter.

PEDLEY—September 5, at Gibraltar, wife of Major O H Pelley, 5th Fusiliers, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BLANDY—MARETT—September 4, at St Mark's, Jersey, Claude Milberne, son of Richard R Blandy, to Juanita Christine, daughter of Col J R Marett, Indian Army.

COPELAND—KERR—September 5, at St Mary's Church, Croydon, John Copeland, Indian Forest Service, to May Winifred, daughter the late Col W F Kerr, the Buffs.

EVERSHED—ORR—September 4, at Cloughton, John Evershed, of Kenley, to Mary Ackworth, daughter of the late Major Andrew Orr, R A.

FOSTER—MACDONALD—September 6, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Wimbledon, Percy M'Leod Foster, son of the late Theophilus Forter, of Rochester, to Aileen, daughter of the late Lieut-Col Theodore Campbell Meiuger Macdonald, Army Service Corps.

RAMWELL—STUART—Sept, 6 at St Mark's, Surbiton, James Ramwell, of Agra, India 2nd Royal Welsh Fusiliers, to Gladys Irene daughter of Montague Stuart.

DEATHS.

CHALLEN—Sept 9, at Brockenhurst, Park Hill, Carshalton, Surrey (lately of Muswell Hill, Elizabeth Anne, wife of Major George Caleb Challen.

COWPER—Sept 1, at Berrydown, near Chagford, Devon, Jane Cowper, wife of the late Capt C C Grant Cowper, 8th Regt. Bombay Natives Inf.

THRING—Sept. 7 at Eldridges, Chertsey, Major William Fowlett Thring, late Royal Art, son of the late Major-Gen. Thring, late Royal Art, aged 52.

WALSH—Sept 4, at Stillorgan, county Dublin, Major, Walter Patrick Hussy Walsh, late 17th Leicestershire Regt., and his Britannic Majesty's Vice-Consul, Heira, South Africa, aged 46.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

MARRIAGE.

BRACE—CUMMING—September 17, at St. George's, Madura, by the Right Rev. A. Acheson Williams, Bishop of Tinnevelly, William Henry Brace, of the S. I. Ry., to Mary Allan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cumming.

BIRTH.

WEARS-TAYLOR—September 26, at the General Hospital, Madras, Rhoda Wears, the dearly loved infant daughter of George Weare and Minnie May Taylor (and grand daughter of the late W. H. Moore, Esq., L. A. Press, Madras), aged 1 year and 9 months.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 50m.; Sun sets, 5h. 51m.; High water, 9-26m., 9-32a.; Low water, 2-35m., 3-33a.

New East India Press Company, 3, Tamarind Lane, 3 p. m., (B. T.)

Lady Northcote Hindu Orphanage, distribution of prizes, Chinchpoogly, Parel Road, 5 p. m., (B. T.)

Bombay Gymkhana Cricket Matches.

New Gaiety Theatre, Bandmann Opera Company, 9-30 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

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BOMBAY BRANCH ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY.—A Meeting of the Society will be held on Monday the 1st October, at 6 p.m., (Standard Time), when a paper will be read on "The First Englishman in India and his works, especially his Christian Puran," by J. A. Saldanha, B. A., L. L. B.

THE STUDENTS' BROTHERHOOD.—Professor Heramba Chandra Maitra, M. A., Principal City, College, Calcutta, will deliver a special address to the students of Bombay on "Culture" in the Prarthana Mandir, Girgaum, at 9 a.m. (Standard Time). It is desired that students will not lose the opportunity of hearing Principal Maitra.

A LECTURE SERIES.—To-morrow evening at 5-30 p.m. (Bombay Time) Principal R. P. Paranjpe, M. A., of Poona, will deliver at the Presidency Association Rooms, Apollo Bunder, a public lecture on "Early History of Mathematics" (popularly treated). This will be the first of a series of lectures to be delivered on successive Saturdays at the same place and time, under the auspices of the Bombay Graduates' Association. The other lectures will be :—(2) Divan Bahadur Ambaji Sakerlal Desai on "Our National problems, their interdependence;" (3) Mr. B. G. Tilak on "The bearing of the discovery of the ancient Chaldean literature on Hebrew and Vedic deities; (4) Mr. Dinsha Edulji Wacha on "Primary Education" and (5) Mr. C. V. Vaidya on "The ideal of a National University for India."

A DRUNKEN FATHER AND HIS CHILD.—Yesterday at the Morgue Mr P Byrne, Coroner for Bombay, held an inquest on the body of Mahadhoo Pandoo, a Hindoo male child of about two years of age, living with his parents at Parbhadevi Road. Evidence showed that yesterday shortly after mid-day Pandoo, the father of the child, returned home drunk having taken advantage of the licence allowed during the Hindu holiday. He staggered about and asked of his wife for some food. Deceased, who was then in his mother's arms, was placed in those of his father, Pandoo, with deceased in his arms walked about five paces, when he tripped on the raised threshold and fell on the floor. Deceased too fell on the threshold on his head. Deceased was picked up unconscious, and he died in the coursed of five minutes. The Surgeon to the Coroner certfied that the death was caused by the fracture of the skull. The jury unanimously returned a verdict of accidental death.

ALLEGED CHEATING BY A SALESMAN.—Before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate at the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, James Carney appeared to answer the charge of cheating, preferred against him by E. H. Coutts in respect of five different sums of money, Mr. Velinker, pleader, appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. Payne of Messrs. Payne and Co., Solicitors, defended the accused. The complaint was that the complainant was trading under the name and style of Messrs Coutts and Co. shipping and forwarding agents as also general agents. Coutts and Co. were also the Bombay agents of Messrs. Faulding and Co. The accused was engaged by the complainant to canvas for and sell goods of Messrs. Faulding and Co. It was also the part of accused's duty to recover the sale-proceeds and hand over the money to the complainant when he returned to office in the evening. Recently the complainant had found out that acc used had failed during the last twelve months to credit to the Company, five sums of money recovered by him. The amount being; Rs. 2-13 recovered from D. Fernandez and Co., Rs. 31 paid by Kaikhosro Beheram; Rs. 34-8 by Bhika Kalian; and Rs. 4-4-0 and Rs. 4-6-0 recovered from other merchants. Some evidence was recorded and further hearing was adjourned.

TELEGRAPHISTS' GRIEVANCES.—A general meeting of the Signalling Staff of the Bombay Central Telegraph Office was held in the Telegraph Reading Room on Tuesday the 25th instant, to consider the best means of approaching His Excellency the Viceroy on the subject of the many disabilities and grievances from which the Staff has been suffering for a number of years. There was a large attendance. The Chairman, after explaining the object of the meeting, remarked that the position of the Signaller had become so pitiable that a full representation to the proper Quarter of the true facts of the case could no longer be delayed. He further observed that it was a general belief among the Telegraph Subordinates that submitting representations to Government was viewed with disfavour. This, he observed, was not the case provided in making such representations they abided by the rules laid down by Government. It was then resolved unanimously to submit a Memorial praying for the improvement of the position of the Signalling Staff in general, embracing the revision of the scale of pay, improvements of the conditions of progressive promotion and general prospects of the Signalling Staff, the reduction in service for full pension after 25 years and other matters connected with the well-being of the Staff. The meeting was then dissolved after a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PRINTER'S errors occasionally alter the whole sense of a sentence, and one a few days ago made it appear that these men who were injured by the collapse of a wall were removed to the J. J. Hospital, "where one of them, a young Hindu girl died." This reminds us of a contemporary which in relating the incidents of the meeting of the King and the Kaiser said:

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SPORTING NEWS.

THE BALAKLAVA SPORTS.

Pleasant Gathering at Bolarum.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, SEPTEMBER 28.

The 13th Hussars held their Balaklava Sports on their Polo ground last evening at Bolarum.

Although the weather was threatening there was a goodly attendance, the Hon'ble the British Resident being among the guests at the Officers' "At-Home" tent.

There were 12 events on the card. A large number entered for each event and much excitement prevailed from 3 to 6 p.m.

Sergeant Instructor Twyman made a splendid win in Sword vs. Sword, and Corporal Powell won the Heads and Posts event.

The Section Jumping (won by B. Squadron) was remarkably good as was also the Officers' Jumping for a cup, won by Lieutenant Knight.

The Single-Tent Pegging proved that the 13th will be formidable competitors in the forthcoming Assault-at-arms. Sergeant Twyman won the first prize in this also, having taken his peg on the side to win.

The Wrestling on Horseback (won by C. Squadron) was a fine display of grit and endurance, whilst the V. C. Race, was a display of sheer dare-devil horsemanship, rarely seen even at Cavalry sports. Sergeant Grahamslow won this very pluckily.

The day's programme concluded with tugs of war between squadrons.

The sports will be continued on Saturday. The 1st Manchesters' Band was in attendance during the evening.

POONA RACES.

Handicaps for To-day.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPTEMBER 28.

The following are the horses left in with their weights, after final scrachings, for to-morrow's meeting.

THE DECCAN PLATE HURDLE RACE :—Distance—one and three quarters miles. Thomond 12st. 5lbs; Corrie-Roy 11st 6lbs; Madeira 11st; Greenstone 10st 5lbs; The Moachim 9st 11b; Nell Gwynne 9st.

THE GHORPURI PLATE :—Distance—six furlongs. Bay Middleton 10st 3lbs; Hermit 9st 5lbs; Oriental 8st 12lbs; Mint 9st 11lbs; Rose 8st; Scimitar 7st. 11lbs; Little Joker 7st 9lbs; Zurriff 7st 5lbs; Young Gazelle 7st; Napoleon 6st.

THE SEPTEMBER PLATE.—Distance—six furlongs. Killua 10st 3lbs; Killoevan 9st 3lbs; Dulcimer 9st 11bs; Amyas 9st; Balaycuso 8st 6lbs, Presbyterian 8st; Gambara 8st; Adelaide 7st 10lbs; Nat Gould 7st 7lbs; Resident 7st; Jubilant 6st 9lbs; Flotsam 6st.

THE TURF CLUB CUP.—Distance one and half miles. Precious 10st 3lbs; Moorced 9st 11bs; Egypt 8st 10lbs; Skylark 8st 8lbs; Sandow 8st 7lbs; Hampstead 8st 11bs; Soheil 7st 12lbs; Ajax 7st 12lbs; Berlin 7st 9lbs; Young Kaiser 7st 7lbs; Bandit 11 7st 5lbs; Pamala 11 7st 3lbs; King Cobweb 6st 12lbs; Moonlb Pasha 6st 10lbs; Sweet William 6st.

H H AGAKHAN'S CUP.—Distance—One and a half miles. Mallard 9st 12lbs; Prince Lyon 9st 5lbs; Ballark 8st 12lbs; Testwood 8st 11b; Apology 7st 13lbs; Sainte Marquise 7st 12lbs; Seclusion 7st 12lbs; Trenton 7st 10lbs; Samrock 7st 10lbs; Dirty Boy 7st 9lbs; Royalist 7st 8lbs; Lord Boyne 7st; Insurrection 6st 9lbs; Shotover 6st 7lbs.

THE IDAR PLATE.—Distance—six furlongs. Scimitar 9st 12lbs; Nowar 9st 11b; Saddle 8st 3lbs; Canter 8st 2lbs; Ireland 8st 11b; Mudloof 7st 13lbs; Retreat 7st 10lbs; Royal Red 7st 8lbs; Grey Falcon 7st 5lbs; Mariner 7st 4lb; Bourbon 6st 13lbs; Solicitor 6st 8lbs.

THE KIRKEE PLATE.—Distance—five furlongs. Bay Middleton 10st 4lbs; Tachrese 9st 10lbs; Hermit 9st 3lbs; False-Start 9st 11b; Omar 8st 6lbs; William Rufus 7st 12lbs; Rose 7st 12lbs; Osborne 7st 10lbs; Sheik 7st 10lbs; Young Gazelle 7st 4lbs; Whiteface 7st.; Turn-of-luck 7st; Cardiff 6st.

TO-DAY'S SCRATCHINGS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, SEPTEMBER 28.

The following are the horses struck out for Saturday's meeting :—

THE DECCAN PLATE :—Free Lance, Pactolus, Vienard, Last Post, White Leather and Caroline.

THE AGAKHAN'S CUP :—Maddington, Cherson, Red Coral, Killevan, Chasepot, Transvaal and Signorina.

THE SEPTEMBER PLATE :—Ballark, Terence, Sacrifice, Regio, Kambatta, Primerole, Tubal Cain, Baritone, Whymper, Harpist, Court Belle and Manlock.

THE TURF CLUB CUP : Hadhur, Stella, Robinhood, Mamar, Myriad, Makhool, Laffy, Gallant, Sadie, Obara and Surhan.

THE KIRKEE PLATE :—Vedas—Late Jahandar, One Pie, Goldbelt, Burhan, Retreat, Aphroff, Raby, Shanwar, Sir Lawerence, Highborn, Vasco, Jollyjoker, Don Juan, Durvan, Sunlight, Malik, Arijistan, and Magna Charta.

THE GHORPURI PLATE :—Sabig, One Pie, Nagashi, White Face, Grey Falcon, Parmigan, Darby, Yerbo, Grey Fox, Settler, and William Rufus.

THE PONY CHAMPIONSHIP INCIDENT.

Stewards' Decision.

An issue of the *Racing Calendar* of the W. I. T. C. gives the following decisions of the Stewards on the subject of the Key West incident as follows :—

"Enquiry into the running of "Key West" in the Pony Champion Chase, Poona Races, 4th Day, 19th September, 1905.

DECISION.

The Stewards having enquired into the running of "Key West" in the Pony Champion Chase on 19th September, 1006, decide that under Rule 153, Mr. Percy F. Fischer, the Owner and Rider of "Key West," is warned off the Poona and Bombay Courses and other places where the Western India Turf Club Rules are in force.

Under Rule 54, the Pony "Key West" is perpetually disqualified for all Races."

Under the last para. of Rule 15 of the Western India Turf Club, the following persons are excluded from all places under the control of the Stewards of the Poona Races, 1906, viz :—Mr E. J. Lee. and Mr. Arthur O' Hallaron.

The Stewards of the Western India Turf Club being aware of, and having carefully considered the circumstances under which Mr. E. J. Lee and Mr. Arthur O' Hallaron are excluded from all places under the control of the Stewards of the Poona Races, 1906, direct that this ruling be extended to all places where Meetings are held under the Rules of the Western India Turf Club.

REFEREES AND THE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—I feel that I am writing in the cause of Sport when I express the view that Mr. Pett should be asked to referee on Saturday next, when the tie between the Royal Scots and East Lancs for the Rover's Cup has to be played off. I also feel, in expressing this view, that I am echoing the feelings of the Royal Scots who, good sportsmen as they are, would be more satisfied with the laurels they expect to win if the Referee is a personality, who is the subject of popular acclaim. I do not in the least mean to suggest, that Mr. Chatt does not himself fill that enviable position, but having regard to the remarks and jeers that emanated from the crowd this evening it would remove, in the event of the Royal Scots winning the much-coveted cup, any element of partisanship. This remark arises out of the incident of the first goal, placed by the East Lancs. This evening, a diversity of views having shewn themselves with regard to whether the whistle went before or after the goal was placed it must be admitted that the Bombay Public show a very keen interest in what has now become the most popular event in the first city in India, and I, like a good many others, feel that the win should be placed beyond all room for doubt and that no cause be left for captious criticism or cavilling in the result.—Yours &c.,

AN OLD FOOTBALLER.

Bombay, September 27.

[Several other correspondents make a similar suggestion which we commend to consideration of the Committee.—Ed. "*B.G.*"]

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LOCAL DIVORCE SUIT.

Harbour vs. Harbour.

YESTERDAY at the High Court, the Hon. Mr. Justice Scott further heard the suit brought by Rhoda Evelyn Harbour against her husband, Arthur Edwin Harbour, European engine driver, residing at Neemuch in the Gwalior State, in which the petitioner prayed for the dissolution of her marriage, for maintenance, and the custody of the child of her marriage. Mr. D. B. Binning, instructed by Messrs. Smetham, Byrne, and Noble, appeared for the petitioner; and Mr. Kanga, instructed by Messrs. Sorabjee and Jehangir, appeared for the respondent.

Mr. Kanga, for the respondent, said his lordship by this time knew what the case was. The respondent denied all the allegations of cruelty. As to the petitioner's misconduct, the learned counsel proposed to call Mr. Foster, the respondent, and Mr. Carr a friend of the family. As to the property taken away by the petitioner, counsel said it consisted of the bicycle, gold ring and watch, and Rs. 50 although the petitioner said she took only Rs. 5 in cash.

Arthur Edwin Harbour, the respondent, examined by Mr. Kanga, said he was an engine driver in the Rajputana-Malwa Railway, and lived at Neemuch at the time of his marriage with the petitioner in October 1902. He lived in one block with his parents, separate rooms, but messed together. In January 1905, witness was transferred to Mhow. He denied all allegations of maltreatment made by the petitioner. He denied that he ever slapped her at a dance in Neemuch. He returned home with his wife about 3 a. m., and spoke to her about paying attentions to Lieutenant Wilson, of Nusseerabad, when she became contumacious, and he slapped her. She thereupon went out of the house, and in spite of entreaties by his mother, who was now in England, she did not come in. Witness never turned petitioner out of his house. He never turned the ayah out; she went of her own accord after the petitioner. It was false to say that he ever kicked his wife. Petitioner's mother gave petitioner some medicine at one time to bring on abortion. Petitioner herself once told witness that she was with child. A Parsee doctor was treating her. She told the doctor that she fell against the bed. It was false that he slapped his wife on the 9th April in the presence of friends. Beyond one slap which he admitted, witness denied all the allegations of cruelty and maltreatment alleged against him in the petition. He never misbehaved with Allarakhia or any other woman. On the 20th March 1906, Mr. Stanley Wells left Neemuch for Mhow on two days' leave. Petitioner went with him to pay her mother a visit. She did not go to consult a medical gentleman. On the 22nd March, Mr. Wells returned from Mhow to Neemuch. Petitioner used often to visit her mother at Mhow, and stayed generally about a fortnight. On this occasion she stayed only two days and wanted to return by the night train. Witness advised her by wire not to return by night train. In spite of his advice, however, she returned by that train. From 9th to 21st April, witness was on leave. On his return, he found his wife was not at home. She had gone to Mhow. He found several of his things gone—a bicycle, a watch, a bracelet, and cash. Witness sent letters and telegrams asking his wife to return, but there was no reply. He himself went to Mhow on two days' leave 26th and 27th April 1906. He stayed with petitioner's mother. Petitioner was also living there. He did not confess to petitioner or her mother that he had misbehaved with Allarakhia woman. He never made such a confession to either of them, Witness saw Mr. Wells at Mhow at that time. He had taken a month's leave from the 9th April 1906. Witness returned to Neemuch on the 28th April. After his return, his wife wrote to him several letters. On the 8th May 1906, witness went to Mhow on three days' leave. On the 9th May, there was a fancy dress ball at Mhow, to which he went with his wife. His wife was dressed as a shepherdess. Mr. Wells was also there, dressed as a shepherd. His wife danced for the most part with Mr. Wells. When witness was at Mhow on the 9th May last, he learned for the first time about the Wells' incident. On his asking her to return with him to Neemuch, she refused to do so. Witness then sent his wife a pleader's notice, and soon after filed a suit against her in the Neemuch Court for restitution of conjugal rights. Petitioner got the Neemuch suit stayed by filing the suit in Bombay. After witness received the summons in the present suit, he had a talk with Mr. Foster about petitioner's misconduct with Mr. Wells.

Cross-Examined by Mr. Binning, witness said his age was 26, his pay was Rs. 110; and he made on an average about Rs. 180 a month.

Do you swear that your wife has got up an entirely false case against you, supported by false witnesses?—Yes.

Can you suggest any reason for the witnesses giving false evidence against you?—No.

The only maltreatment of your wife which you admit was the slap after the dance?—Yes. May cousin, Thomas Harbour, told me about my wife's misconduct with Mr. Wells.

Before the 9th May you had no suspicion of your wife's chastity and virtue?—No. I did not know before that, that Wells had travelled in the same train with my wife. I did not see him at the Neemuch station when my wife arrived there. With the exception of the incident about the slap, I had always been on friendly terms with my wife. I do not know why my wife should have telegraphed to me that she was coming by the night train.

Is it not true that you sent your telegram first, and that this other telegram was in reply?—No, I swear it is not true.

Do you swear that when your wife returned to you, she did not bring with her medicine bottles from Major Roberts?—She did not.

And that you smashed the bottles?—I did not smash any bottles.

Do you swear you don't know why your wife went to Major Roberts?—I swear I don't know. While in Neemuch, I did know that my wife was taking patent medicine to procure abortion. She herself told me that she was pregnant. Her mother knew that, and a miscarriage was procured.

You were sitting beside your counsel when the petitioner and her mother were examined, and you did not ask him to put them a single question about this?—No. The watch my wife took away was mine, presented by me to her.

Is it true that until you received the summons in this case, you were not suspicious of your wife's misconduct?—Yes.

What led you to suspect her fidelity?—Because she accused me of misconduct in her petition, and also I got information from Inspector Foster. My mother told me that Foster had seen my wife and Wells together.

You went to Foster to find out something against your wife?—Yes. Mr. Wells is an old friend of myself and my wife. Mr. Foster told me the doors and windows of the carriage in which my wife was, were closed. He also said that the ayah had been sent out of the carriage, and that Mr. Wells was in my wife's carriage all night.

Did any one inform you that your wife had misbehaved with Wells?—No one in particular. Mr. Foster did not say that my wife misbehaved with Wells, or that he suspected she did. I believe that she did misbehave. Burns had given me information of my wife's misconduct, I am not in the habit of drinking.

Do you ever get intoxicated?—Yes.

Are you not very violent when you do?—No.

Now, about the dance at Neemuch, did you get jealous about Lieutenant Wilson?—Yes.

Who told you his name?—I don't remember just now. I have taken no steps to find out Lieutenant Wilson of Nusseerabed. After getting information from Foster, I asked Wells if it was true that he travelled with my wife. I never chased my wife and the ayah out of the room. She went out and refused to come in in spite of the entreaties of my mother. I don't know where she slept, I went off to bed. I swear I have never been unfaithful to my wife since I married her. I say on my oath that the evidence of the trolley-man, Lal Khan, is entirely untrue.

Have you anything on your conscience that your wife should forgive you for?—No. Up to that time, my wife had made no accusations against me. She had had quarrels with my mother. When I said in one of my letters "nothing should go wrong again," I meant to refer to the quarrels with my mother. On one occasion, I was drunk when I went to visit my wife and her mother. I abused my mother-in-law, and I took away the shepherdess's dress from the tailor in the bazar. I gave it to my wife the next day. I know Wells appeared at the dance as a shepherd, but I cannot swear whether there were other shepherds. I had an objection to my wife going to the dance in fancy dress. I taxed Wells with being a bloody liar because he went and told my wife that I had taxed him with misconduct with her.

In re-examination by Mr. Kanga, witness said when he wrote the letter Exhibit N., he did not know the circum stances under which his wife had travelled with Mr. Wells. On receiving the summons, witness saw Foster and after conversation with him, he concluded that his wife had misbehaved with Wells.

Mr. James W. Foster, examined by Mr. Kanga, said he was an Inspector of Police on the R. M. Railway, and knew the respondent for eight or nine years. He had not seen him quarrelling with any body. Witness knew Mrs. Harbour by sight only. On the 22nd March 1906, witness was at Indore, and on receiving a wire, travelled from Indore to Neemuch. He found a lady travelling in a second-class carriage. It was Mrs. Harbour. On going to a first-class compartment facing the second class, he saw some one bolt the door from inside. He saw Mr. Wells in the first-calss compartment. He afterwards saw him in the same carriage with Mrs. Harbour. Mr. Wells had left most of his things in the first-class compartment. He got out at the Mandesour station at 8 o'clock the next morning, when witness remarked to him it was not right that, being a friend of Mr. Harbour, he should have travelled in the same carriage with Mrs. Harbour in the manner he did. Respondent came and spoke to witness at the Neemuch station, and he told him all he knew about the Indore incident. On the 23rd March, witness told his superior officer of what he had seen.

Cross-examined by Mr. Binning, witness said he knew nothing of the family relations of the respondent and his wife. When Wells got into Mrs. Harbour's carriage, the ayah was not there.

Further enquiry was adjourned at this stage until to-day.

"THE CINGALEE."

LAST night the Bandmann Company presented "The Cingalee" to a good house. It is the pretty story of love on a Ceylon tea plantation. Harry Vereker, a young Planter, has in his employ a Cingalee maiden named Nanoya, who is really the owner of the plantation, but who has entered in this capacity through the help of a Baboo Lawyer named Chambhudy Ram in order to escape a forced marriage in which she had been promised to a powerful Noble of Khandy named Boobhamba. Vereker and Nanoya fall in love and preparations are made for the wedding, when Boobhamba arrives in search of Nanoya and lays his case before the British Commissioner, Sir Peter Loftus, who has come for this purpose. Boobhamba charges Chambhudy Ram with stealing his wife and a valuable black pearl and the Court decides in Boobhamba's favour giving Chambhudy 24 hours to produce both. This Chambhudy is forced to do, so that Vereker is almost heart-broken at the loss of his inamorata.

Nanoya is taken away to Boobhamba's Palace, but Vereker does not mean to give her up without a struggle, so he gains admittance to the palace disguised as a Rickshaw Man and with the help of Chambhudy, and Lady Patricia Vane, Nanoya is allowed to go out for a ride. In the meantime Chambhudy, disguised as an Astronomer reads Boobhamba's fortune by the Stars and predicts a most horrible future for him if he marries Nanoya, with the result that this worthy person is so frightened, that he consents to give up Nanoya and all ends well. The part of Nanoya fell to Miss Doreen O'Connor, who was quite excellent. The gem of the evening was however Miss Georgie Corlass's rendering of "Egypt," and Mr. Ernest Attwell came in for an ovation for his "Pearl of Sweet Ceylon." It was certainly the best thing in vocalism that we have heard from him. The vociferous applause accorded him was somewhat of a compensation for the necessity cast upon him of coming on to the stage later on as a rickshaw-man, with a very smutty face well described by Boobhamba, the Kandy Chief, as "looking like a Jungley-walla." The Bandmann interpretation of "The Cingaloe" was very successful.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

[FROM THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE", SEPT. 29th 1856.]

What's in a Name!—In the report of the proceedings of the Asiatic Society, which we published yesterday, will be found as choice a piece of impertinence as we ever recollect to have emanated from such a body, Colonel Waugh, as we lately mentioned, has discovered a mountain higher than any yet measured in any part of the world. He, or his friend Major Thuillier, payed the Society the compliment of announcing his discovery to them at one of their meetings, and stating that as the mountain has no local name he proposed to give it that of Colonel Everest under whom the great trigonometrical survey of India was carried out. With this suitable and usual compliment the Council thought proper to interfere, and but for their brethren, who are not of this select body, would have written Colonel Waugh to substitute his own name for Colonel Everest's; at the same time observing that it would be better to retain the native name of this mountain. It is certainly better not to change established names, but when none exists or can be learned, it is surely the undoubted right of the discoverer, impose one, and long established custom selects those who have distinguished themselves in science to which an addition is thus made whether they were immediately concerned in the discovery, or lived two centuries or ten canturies earlier. But even if Colonel Waugh had gone a little out of the way, it was scarcely the province of the Asiatic Society to make him such a return for his compliment to themselves. They should have left the point to be settled by the learned of Europe.

PERSIA.

The despatch of an expedition to the Persian Gulf is manifestly intended to require of the Court of Teheran a full and ample apology for the insult offered to our Envoy, particulars of which appeared in the London *Times* shortly after the fall of Sebastopol. Always impressed with the necessity of securing the assistance of the Persian Government in the event of an advance upon India by France or Russia, we paid a subsidy of one hundred and fifty thousands pounds sterling to that Government annually during the war which terminated with the abdication of Napoleon. This subsidy was then withdrawn and our Government engaged to renew it in the event of a war with Russia. The alliance of the great military power of France and the facility afforded by a magnificent steam service offering to us the means of arresting by direct interference such an advance on the part of Russia, led to a modification of these terms on the representation of our Ambassador at Teheran, and to this circumstance may be ascribed the hostile feeling exhibited towards Mr. Murray during the investment of Sebastopol, the executives of the Government seizing every opportunity to render his position as disagreeable as possible. In this they succeeded; his departure being forced under circumstances insulting to the consideration and dignity due to our Government from the Court of Teheran.

THREE men, including an English ex-cavalryman, have started from Spokane on a 3,000 mile ride to New York, right across the United States, almost from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic. A millionaire, ranch and mine owner of Montana named King has offered them £2,000 if they can cover the 3,000 miles in ninety days. The Englishman is William Tucker, who served for some years in the English cavalry, and afterwards went with Strathcona's Horse to South Africa. The ride originated in a joke. Reardon, one of the riders, saw Mr. King who said that he wanted to send a letter to Mr. McClellan, the Mayor of New York. Not hearing the destination of the letter, Reardon offered to take it, and King said laughingly that it would take him more than ninety days. Reardon said that he would do it in less, so the match was made.

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IMPROVEMENT TRUST'S NORTHERN SCHEMES.

THE Bombay City Improvement Trust has been steadily acquiring properties in what may be styled the city proper during the last six years; and considering the difficulties with which they have had to contend, it must be conceded that they have achieved considerable success. Princess Street, which was opened by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in November last, affords ample proof of the benefits which arise from the acquisition and destruction of thoroughly insanitary areas: the great road from the foot of Cumballa Hill across the Gowalia tank and Gamdevi quarters to Chowpatty will be completed before long: while the chawls both in Nagpada and in the neighbourhood of Princess Street are a pledge that the proper housing of the working-classes is, as it should be the ultimate aim and object of the Trustees. During their operations up to date the Trust have dealt in the main with rich and educated householders, who have no hesitation in employing solicitors and architects at high rates of pay to conduct their claims before the lower executive Court of Acquisition and the higher Court of Appeal, and who also are sufficiently conversant with the details of valuation to make specious claims for considerably more than their property may be worth in the open market, in the hope of driving a good bargain with the Trust. In some cases, doubtless, householders have been underpaid for their properties, and have therefore had every justification for resorting to the Tribunal of Appeal—but in the majority of cases the compensation awarded has been approximately correct, and many of those who had claimed a much higher sum, have realized that the award was just and have accepted it without demur and without desire for further litigation. In other words, the class of claimants with whom the Trust have hitherto dealt,—excluding for a moment the ancient Koli community of Mandvi—, is a class which can safely be trusted to take care of itself during the course of acquisition-proceedings and which —while it justly demands fair and impartial treatment—does not expect or require the Trust to exceed the limit of its duties, as defined by its constitution or by the law, and to act in the paternal manner which forms the standard of Government's dealings with the untutored and penurious agriculturist.

But at this moment the Trust are embarking upon a long course of acquisition-proceedings, in which a very different set of people are interested as claimants. With the exception of a few bungalows, erected during the plague-scare by wealthy Native merchants of the city proper, there is nothing but rice-land and small plots of vegetable-garden from Matunga Station to the Sion Causeway. Here and there an ancient hamlet nestles among its palm-trees, like the Matunga Agarwada and the Sion Koliwada, inhabited by the descendants of the earliest colonists of this Island—but, save for these, the whole tract in the north of the island is devoted to the cultivation of rice, coarse grass, or vegetables during the months of the monsoon, by a people who have socially and intellectually progressed but little since the East India Company's Government confiscated the lands of the Jesuit confraternity and continued the ancestors of Bhandari, Agri or Koli in their tenancies. It is these rice-lands,—many of them the ancestral properties of these aboriginal families,—as well as these ancient village-sites, which the Improvement Trust are now about to take up in connection with their great schemes for the expansion of the urban area. It is these descendants of the aboriginal cultivators and fishermen of Bombay, dowered with an almost childish regard for their ancient villages and fields, with whom, as claimants, the Trust have now to deal. These people know nothing of land-valuation; they cannot afford to engage costly solicitors; all they realize is that the *sirkar* requires their land and their ancient settlements, and that they themselves have to go. A grave responsibility, in our opinion, rests both upon the Improvement Trust and upon the men who claim to represent these people during the course of acquisition-proceedings,—a responsibility of heavier import than that which attaches to the acquisition of the town-house of a wealthy Bhattia or Khoja. To take the case of their representatives first,—we have stated above that they are unable to employ solicitors to fight their battle before the Special Collector, but at the same time they are almost certainly bound to engage an Engineer or Surveyor to represent their claim, inasmuch as they are themselves debarred, by lack of education and want of special knowledge, from conducting their own cases. On such engineer or surveyor, whoever he may be, rests, in our opinion, a two-fold obligation, namely, the obligation not to unduly protract the cases with a view to reaping a large remuneration from the lightly-lined pockets of his clients; and secondly, the obligation not to overestimate the value of their respective properties and thereby raise false hopes which his clients are unable by lack of intellect and discrimination to combat in their own minds. For these Kolis and Bhandaris and Agris of the northern portion of the island are, in view of their social status, more fit to be treated as children than as educated citizens, and it is one of the hard and fast rules for parents and instructors of youth under every sky never to exaggerate matters or to mislead the childish intellect, but as far as is possible, to tell them the truth,—the plain, unvarinshed truth. We can assuredly trust the Special Collector to award to each and every claimant a fair and equitable amount of compensation for his rice-land and his toddy-trees, but the danger is that, if the Engineer in charge of their claims follows the usual urban practice of claiming three times more than the property is worth and the award of the acquiring-officer contemplates the payment of a less amount, then these claimants will blame, not the mendacity of their engineer, but the rapacity of the Trust and Government, and the Engineer in question will by his ill-timed and exaggerated estimates have taken the first step towards shattering the bond of trust and good-faith which has subsisted from time immemorial between the lower and cultivating classes of Bombay Island and the British Government. It is no light offence to break the just faith and the trust of any man, particularly if he belong to the untutored communities which possess not the faculty of discrimination, and we strongly urge any one, who is engaged by these cultivators to conduct their claims for compensation, not to arouse hopes which he himself knows, from his experience and knowledge of land-values, can never be fulfilled by any just and impartial court.

On the Trust, on the other hand, rests the obligation to do all they can for the comfort and convenience of these ancient children of the soil, after formal eviction has taken place. Those villages have stood where they stand to-day, those rice-lands have been tilled year after year, since that far-off date when Humphrey Cooke signed the document, which gave Bombay to the British, in the "pretty well-seated but ill-fortified house" of Dona Ignez de Miranda, the lady of the Manor. It is no light matter for these Kolis or Agris to contemplate this sudden severance of their connection with the lands which they regard as theirs by prescriptive right and which their forefathers have tilled for generations untold. In all the large area, which the Trust proposes to acquire, cannot some portion be subsequently set aside for the habitation of those who now dwell in the insanitary *wadas* of Sion and Matunga? That their rice-lands must disappear in the course of urban expansion is a fact which they, to some extent, realize, and in which they quietly acquiesce, but they are very loath to relinquish the precincts of an Island which has been their home since the dim days of Raja Bimb, and would fain find some corner in which to rebuild, under any condition which the Trust may impose, those dwellings which are so shortly to disappear for ever. Certain it is that, unless the Trustees take a broad view of their responsibilities—and we believe they do—and unless they set apart some suitable area for these people to inhabit after their great northern schemes are completed, then these same hereditary tenants of the soil, tappers of the palm-trees and labourers in the salt-pans, will either be driven completely off the island or will be forced to fare southwards to the city, which has already, like Saturn, devoured so many of her own children. That some concession of this nature is not without the bounds of practicability or possibility, we feel convinced, and we strongly urge the consideration of such a scheme upon the responsible officials on behalf of a class which, largely inarticulate though it may be, preserves an abiding belief in the justice and kindliness of its rulers.

SILK-REELING IN BENGAL. A deputation was recently sent to Kashmir and Mysore with a view to conducting investigations with the object of improving the method of reeling silk in Bengal. Two Bengal reelers, with their native machines, accompanied the Deputation to learn the improved methods. The systems of reeling followed in Kashmir and on Messrs. Tata and Company's farm at Bangalore were thoroughly studied, and both the Bengal reelers were taught the two systems of reeling until they were able to produce the quantity and the quality turned out by the best local operatives. The reeling was then conducted on the Bengal system with the same cocoons, and as much as possible under similar conditions. But at Bangalore steam connection was secured. With steam, which is employed in the filatures in Bengal, both in those under European and in those under native management, cleaner and more elastic silk is produced. But in most native reeling establishments steam is not employed, but a *chula* is placed under each basin. To find out the quality and quantity turned out by the best Bengal system and the Kashmir and Mysore system respectively, experiments were conducted both in Kashmir and Mysore, which left no doubt as to the result. The experiments were conducted with old cocoons and with new cocoons, with poor cocoons and with good cocoons, and with *gajla* cocoons (*i. e.*, cocoons spun in the rainy weather in the case of Mysore), and the result was always the same, *viz.*, that with the best method of reeling in vogue in Bengal, silk was obtained as good in quality and quantity as was turned out by the Kashmir machines, and about three times greater in quantity than, and equal in quality to, what the Japanese machine, as introduced in Bangalore, produced. Reeling experiments with tusser cocoons were made owing to the fact that a report had been received from Bangalore that the Japanese machine was particularly effective with tusser cocoons, and that 500 cocoons could be reeled by a single person in one day with this machine. As a matter of fact, it was ascertained that only 95 cocoons could be reeled in 5½ hours by one person with the help of another, who found the ends of the cocoons while his companion was reeling. This is not such a good result as that attained by the native spinner in the Central Provinces or in Bengal, where from 50 to 100 cocoons are reeled and twisted in the same process by a single person; while in European filatures as many as 250 cocoons are reeled per diem by each spinner.

STONE-CARVING IN INDIA. It there is one branch of skilled labour in which the native excels more than another it is in stone-carving. Most Anglo-Indians have at some time in their career in this country paused to marvel at the delicate work which, with the simplest tools, the untutored Mahommedan workman can produce upon a rugged block of stone. There are many very clever carvers in this Presidency, but the real home of the art in India is Orissa. The most beautiful work in the way of decorative carving that the mind of man can conceive is daily produced by skilled workmen, who are well paid at three and a half rupees per week. Yet the art is in a declining state, which all lovers of the beautiful will regret. In a little monograph on stone-carving in India Mr. Havell, the Principal of the Government School of Art at Calcutta, gives the reason for this, and points the moral for its rectification. Mr. Havell ascribes it to (1) "The exclusive use of European styles in public buildings, so that there is no longer any employment for the hereditary native builders, unless they become mere copyists of the regulation designs. It follows from this that there is no employment for native stone-carvers in public buildings, except when they are converted from good artists into indifferent mechanics. (2) The neglect of the study of Indian architecture in Indian Colleges of Engineering. The graduates of these Colleges are largely employed in designing houses and palaces for Indian gentlemen of wealth and position. They naturally follow the styles of which they know most and which they see followed in public buildings, with the same disastrous results to Indian art." Mr. Havell suggests that in the new galleries which are shortly to be erected for the combined collections of the Calcutta Government Art Gallery, and the Art Section of the Indian Museum, two of the inside doorways should be carved by the best men obtainable from Orissa. For that purpose he proposes that a fixed sum, say Rs. 3,000 should be set apart from the grant for purchases of works of Art in the coming year. The Art Gallery would then possess good examples of modern native stone-carving which might be the means of diverting some at least of the large sums which are spent in Calcutta on inferior sculpture and architecture towards the preservation of the splendid Art of Orissa.

TRADE CONDITIONS IN MANCHURIA. There was a general impression that part of the trade which has, hitherto, been centred at Newchwang, would be directed to Vladivostock, but according to the American Consul at the former place the diversion has been far greater than was ever contemplated. Failures of native bankers brought about a depression of trade in April and May and the trade of the present year is comparing very badly with that of last year. With the opening of the port of Newchwang for 1906, after being ice-bound for three months, there was a sluggish tendency in business and it was found that shipments made to the interior did not reach the consumer promptly. The passage of goods between the ousposts of the Japanese and Russian zones of military occupation was very unsatisfactory and was accomplished only at great risk from robbers and very heavy expense in transport. The stocks in the interior, therefore, were depleted and the temporary relief to the conjected commercial condition at Newchwang was followed by an abnormal state in the inland districts. About £512,000 were practically withdrawn from the local markets by being tied up in goods sent into the interior and, money growing tight, Shanghai returned drafts for large accounts. And then it was found that the export trade was becoming even more unsatisfactory than the import. In the matter of railway rates, both in Northern Manchuria, under Russian management, and in Southern Manchuria, under Japanese control, interested merchants allege discriminations that are highly inconsistent with the spirit of the law, as usually applied to common carriers. The system was disarranged during the war and risings since the Chino-Japanese war and has continued so for ten years so that a certain amount of uncertainty exists in business transactions, an uncertainty which is having a very bad effect on local trade and giving an impetus to the competitors at Dalny and Vladivostock.

THE conditions under which licenses to reside in the Nicobar Settlement are granted are published in the *Gazette*.

ON his way back from Kashmir the Viceroy will shoot near Aliabad and Kahuta on the 12th and 13th of November.

MAJOR-GENERAL Sir Stuart Beatson, Inspector-General of the Imperial Service Troops begins his Autumn tour in the middle of October.

THE Messageries Maritimes Co., s.s., Armand Behic left Marseilles for Bombay on the 26th instant, and she is expected here on the 11th October.

THE death is reported of 2nd Lieutenant O. R. A Treadwell of the Unattached List for Indian Army at Dalhousi on the 26th September from enteric fever.

THE War Office is asking for Regular Infantry Non-commissioned Officers possessing School of Musketry certificates who are willing to take service with the West African Regiment, or West African Frontier Force.

PRINCE George Stourdze, a well-known sportsman, will arrive in Rangoon by the "Warwickshire" on the 29th instant. He intends to remain in Burma during the cold weather and will be the guest of Captain V. Percy Smith, Burma Military Police.

THE Metropolitan leaves Calcutta on the 4th of October, and visits Darjeeling. He returns to Calcutta on the 9th, and leaves again on the 19th of October for Sylhet, Shillong and Soontalpur, returning to Calcutta on the 6th of November.

THE Hon'ble Mr. Hewett reached Bombay yesterday morning and took over charge of the Commerce and Industry Department by telegraph from Sir Lewis Tupper who has been placed on Special Duty with the Telegraph Committee.

GENERAL SIR A. HUNTER, K.C.B., D.S.O., accompanied by Captain T. D. Jackson, D.S.O., Aide-de-Camp, arrived at Aden on the 23rd September, on return from leave, and resumed Command of the Western Command with effect from that date.

By the arrival of the mail steamer Arabis, in Bombay yesterday the incoming passenger season opened. The Arabia brought about three hundred and fifty passengers and among them were:—The Hon. J. P. Hewett, C.S.I.C.E.I., Lieut-Governor-designate of the United Provinces; Brigadier General Sir James Willcocks, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the Nowshera Brigade; General F. A. Bowles, Hon. Mr. R. Greevan, Hon. C. S. Grosvenor, and Lieut. the Earl of Rrockvanage.

MR. ROSE, the Magistrate at Tower Bridge, has no liking for slang. A witness in his court said that "some one gave the defendant the wheeze." "What is a wheeze?" Mr. Rose asked, coldly. "Why, the tip." Mr. Rose (very stiffly:) "Don't you know enough English to express yourself in English instead of speaking a language which I do not understand? What is a 'tip'?" The crestfallen witness explained he had meant to state that some one told the defendant he was being watched.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 14.

THE ENTENTE CORDIALE.

THERE is still a certain amount of anxiety on both sides of the Channel to know what attitude the Catholics of England will take *vis-a-vis* the quarrel now raging between the French Government and the Vatican. It is only natural that the English Catholics should take the side of the French Catholics, but in the interests of the *entente* it is to be hoped that they will not allow their feeling to overside their patriotism, and, in ordinary circumstances, the King has no more loyal subjects than the Catholics of England. After all the dispute is one of a domestic character, and not at any rate in its present phase such as to justify the interference of strangers. Even before there was a Republic, France had trouble with the Vatican—I am not saying which side was right—and M. Combes, ex-priest and ex-premier, has not been slow to point this out. Indeed he maintains that what he calls resistance to the "encroachments of the Papacy" has at all times been a traditional element in the national policy of France. Apart from this, the Cabinet of M. Bourgeois seems sincere in the asseverations it continues to make that while it is determined to adhere to the Separation Law the idea of active persecution is altogether foreign from its intentions. Perhaps these assurances may cause the English Catholics to pause before taking any rash step, particularly in view of the fact that the Pope's Encyclical does not exclude the possibility of a compromise. In France just now there are few who believe in a compromise, but, as the *Revue de Deux Mondes*, reminds us, the leading journal of Italy thinks otherwise and it understands Papal Encyclicals better than we do. Many will think that Father Bernard Vaughan has not set his fellow Catholics altogether a good example. Father Vaughan is the worthy West End priest whose sensational sermons to his fashionable congregation on the sins of the Smart Set has provided the more popular papers with so much readable "copy." He preached at Farm Street on Sunday from the text "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" the application of which to the Pope's defiance of the French Government can be easily realised. The Press has been very kind to Father Vaughan in giving him a splendid advertisement, but that did not prevent him from making a fierce attack on the Fourth Estate: "To judge by the Press generally, both at home and abroad, the world was simply furious with the Pope for not attempting what his Divine Master had warned them all was an utter impossibility—namely, "to serve God and mammon." *The Times* in England and the *Temps* in France made lamentable exhibitions of themselves when they spoke of the august person of the Pope. He always respected what *The Times* had to say about affairs mundane, but he always suspected what it had to say about matters religious, and he never believed a word that it said about the Vicar of Christ. There were certain journals that could not understand the Pope's policy, and others that would not, and some that did understand, but would not approve. Why should they? Nay, how could they? Had not the Master said, "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or he will sustain the one, and despise the other?" The Press at best was the highest experience of the world, and it used its pen to write for the world; and as it held its hand on the pulse of the world, it expressed in its leading articles the mind of the world. If anything was certain, it was that the world no more liked the Pope than the Pope loved the world. "If the world hate you ye know that it hated Me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." I confess I have seen no signs, on the part, at any rate, of the English Press, of hatred of the Pope. So far from hating him the Press has always taken a most friendly interest in him, partly owing to his universally admitted piety and to his humble beginnings. But it is idle to shut one's eyes to the fact that His Holiness has yet to prove that he possesses the statesmanlike qualities with which his immediate predecessor was so richly endowed. After Father Vaughan's diatribes against the Press, he went on to deplore the fact that all Christians in England do not see what is the aim of "the anti-Christian Government in France." "Its object," I quote from the newspaper report, "was to de-Christianise the whole country. 'Il faut en finir avec l'idee Chretienne' It was a terrible spectacle that was presented by France to-day to the eyes of Europe. People laughed at him for reminding them of the warnings that the Master had lately sent to the world through the voice of His thunders, in the flash of His lightnings, in the ravages of fire, in the shocks of earthquakes, and in the cries of stricken humanity. Perhaps, if these warnings were made so little of, the Divine Master might presently begin to assert His rights by the scourge of war. France had a past lesson to remember. So had England. If the *entente cordiale* was going to proclaim that France and England could get on very well without God, God might possibly arise in His strength and show both countries, through the instrumentality of some other agency, that He could very well do without them." In conclusion the Rev. Gentleman said that "when perhaps both France and England might be found no more on the map of Europe, Rome would still be in the vigour of the freshness and the beauty of her perennial youth." Whether or not the Kaiser exercised his influence to procure the election of a German, there is no doubt that that astute monarch is turning the present situation to the profit of Germany; unless the exceptional honour conferred on the Catholic prelate of Silesia during the past week. Cardinal Kopp has been useful to the Kaiser and receives the much-coveted Order of the Black Eagle. Apropos of this and other manifestations of the Kaiser's policy, such, for instance, his characteristic speeches at Breslau the *Times* observes:—"Other countries can watch the workings of such a policy with genuine and tolerant interest so long as it is not employed aggressively against them. When, however, Father Bernard Vaughan takes occasion to remind us that a divine instrument of this kind might, in certain circumstances, be fittingly employed to dissolve the *entente* between ourselves and France, we must protest against the intrusion of an outworn theological idea into politics." Father Vaughan calls this so far as he is concerned "especially unfair" seeing he had done his best from the first to promote the *entente cordiale*. Well we are all liable to be misunderstood.

THE "TIMES" AND THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

The unrest among the Mohammedans is the subject of this week's article in the "Times" on Indian-Affairs. In a tone very friendly to the discontended Mussalmans the writer clearly explains for the benefit of the public at home why our Mohammedan fellow-subjects are coming to the conclusion that "it pays to agitate and that those who, out of loyalty to the British *Raj*, hold aloof from unsettling movements against the powers-that-be, are ignored or neglected. He enlarges on the steadfastness with which for nearly twenty years the Indian Moslems have adhered to the advice given them by that sagacious, and clear-sighted man, the late Sir Syed Ahmed Khan to abstain from political agitation and on the causes which are now compelling them to reconsider their position. He proceeds:—

"The *Bombay Gazette*, in a leader on July 31 pointed out that in the matter of honours and decorations the Mahomedan community has been left out in the cold; the number of cases in which Mahomedans have been passed over and members of other communities promoted to honour—of which the Bombay paper prints a list—cannot be pleasing reading to the Mahomedans; and the feeling that they have been unjustly treated is not assuaged by the plea, on behalf of Government, that the Mahomedans have fewer men of distinction in their ranks than other communities; the Mahomedans retort that that is because the road to distinction in modern India lies in the vilification of Government. The *Bombay Gazette* concludes:—"It is the hope of reward which sweetens labour; but, if reward is bestowed upon agitators only, what wonder if the Mahomedans say, 'Let us join the ranks of the agitators and share in their reward,' with the result that at the present moment there are thousands of Mahomedans who have joined the Congress, men who, ten or twelve years ago, would not have thought of doing so?"

The well informed contributor of the leading Journal suggests that the last sentence of the quotation from your article is perhaps rather an intelligent forecast of the future than a transcript of historical facts; but he admits that it is an undesirably accurate picture of the present tendency. The fact that your article was written before Sir Bampfylde Fuller's resignation was known and that the Mohammedan perturbation has been increased by that unfortunate event is not lost sight of. The feeling he describes is not, he says, confined to Bengal. "The leaders of social and educational reform in Upper India complain that the people are incensed against them for having diverted the energies of the community from politics; one of them writes in a private letter:—"Very great changes are now taking place in the opinions of Mussulmans owing to Mr. John Morley's speech and the success of Mr. Gokhale; and the Mussulmans are very grieved and angry at the acceptance of Sir Bampfylde Fuller's resignation and are extremely vexed with us because we do nothing for the Mussulmans. . . . You will see," the writer goes on to say, "that in a short while both the educated and ordinary Mussulmans will either join the Congress or will set up a second agitation of their own."

The article has attracted a great deal of attention and is very opportune. People knowing very little about Indian affairs—the great mass of the nation unfortunately—were puzzled to understand the real meaning of the bare announcement of the approaching Mohammedan deputation. Its true inwardness has now been placed before them and if the *Times* be correct in saying that Mohammedan friends merely require a guarantee that loyalty shall not be a disadvantage in the competition of rival communities no small proportion of the British nation will hope that their interview with Lord Minto will not be in vain.

THE BENGALI MALCONTENTS.

While Mr. Romesh Chunder Dutt is still trying to explain away the reported coronation of Surendra Nath Bannerji, as King of Bengal and has drawn an interesting letter on the subject from Sir Gorge Birdwood, a controversy has arisen respecting the meaning of the now famous cry *Bande Mataram*. In Monday's papers there appeared a Reuter telegram from Calcutta reproducing from the newspaper *Bande Mataram* a very frank statement as to the ultimate aims of Bannerji's friends. In the *Times* the telegram is followed by this editorial comment:—

The name of this native paper is the well-known watchword adopted by the promoters of the Swadeshi and anti-Partition movement in Bengal. *Bande Mataram* means, 'Hail to thee, mother,' and though, for the benefit of the British and of the week-kneed Bengali brethren, it is explained to be only a poetic invocation of Bengal as the 'mother' of her people, there is good reason to believe that it is in reality a revival of the war cry used by the Sanyasi bands who in the early days of Warren Hastings devastated North-Eastern Bengal and, on one occasion, cut up a British detachment sent out against them, and that the 'mother' whom it invokes is Kali, the Great Goddess who symbolizes the terrible forces of destruction and death. It may be noted in this connexion that many of the great public meetings in support of the Swadeshi movement and against the partition of Bengal have been held in the great temple of Kali, at Kalighat, whence Calcutta derives its modern name."

The most eminent of modern Indian philologists Dr. G. A. Grierson, suggests that the *Times* might have put the matter much more strongly. In the course of his reading, and, as he says, it has been fully extensive, Dr. Grierson has never come across the word *Mataram* (or its cognates) employed in the sense of mother-country. Indeed he makes bold to say that the idea of mother country is a mere importation from England. "To say that *bande mataram*, a perfectly well-known and familiar phrase, refers to the country of Bengal is equivalent to saying that the hymn commencing 'Eternal Father' is a patriotic song in honour of the fatherland. Sir Henry Cotton, of course dissents and in proof of his contention that the invocation is harmless quotes the late Mr. Lee's translation of the poem written by Babu Bankem Chandra Chatterjee under the heading *Bande Mataram*.

My Mother-land, I Sing.
Her splendid streams, her glorious trees,
The zephyr from the far-off Vindhyan heights,
Her fields of waving corn,
The rapt'rous radiance of her moonlit nights,
The trees in flower that flame afar,
The smiling days that sweetly vocal are,
The happy, blessed Mother-land.
Her will by seventy million throats extolled,
Her power twice seventy million arms uphold,
Her strength let no man scorn,
Thou art my head, thou art my heart,
My life and soul art thou,
My soul, my worship, and my art
Before thy feet I bow.
As Durga, scourge of all thy foes,
As Lachmi, bowered in the flower
That in the water grows,
As Bani, wisdom, power,
The source of all our might,
Our every temple doth they form enfold
Unequalled, tender, happy, pure.
Of splendid streams, of glorious trees,
My Mother-land I sing.
The stainless charms that e'er endure,
And verdant banks and wholesome breeze.
That with her praises ring.

The *Times* reminds Sir Henry Cotton that Durga is merely another name for Kali and that he quotes a paraphrase of the poem and not the translation which in the passage in question runs: "Thou art the Goddess Durga bearing ten weapons." The poem itself occurs in the novel "Ananda Math," and is put into the mouth of Bhabanande, Sanyasi leader, as a song of triumph just after they had cut up a detachment of British troops who were conveying treasure to Calcutta. The *Times* however admits that the Babu wrote the novel with a very different object from that which apparently actuates some of his excitable and degenerate countrymen. So much for *Bande Mataram*.

There is in yesterday's *Times* a pungent letter headed "some sidelights on the Political Agitation in Bengal" which is signed X and is printed in the type reserved for the communications of important persons:—

"Indian politicians and their allies in this country have, says "X" made it their cue to represent the present unrest in India as due mainly to the want of generous sympathy shown by Anglo-Indian administrators for the lofty aims and aspirations of that large class of highly educated natives who, it is contended, have assimilated the intellectual and moral standards of our own civilisation. The sentiments and habits of that class are presumably reflected in their Press, which is conducted and controlled by their leaders. It may therefore interest you, Sir, to see the enclosed samples of the journalistic literature they provide for their educated fellow-countrymen. I would invite your attention to the generosity and sympathy displayed in the leading article in the *Amrita Bazar Patrika*, which gloats over Lady Curzon's death as a direct manifestation of Divine vengeance for the partition of Bengal, and, in regard to morality, I would still more particularly invite your attention to the advertisement pages of the *Bengali*, largely filled with advertisements of quack medicines, chiefly for a certain class of disease and forms of debility, which would be rigorously excluded from the columns of any decent English newspapers."

Another curious phase of the matter is dwelt upon by Mr. Alfred H. Haggard whose letter in this morning's *Times* seems to require an explanation from the management of the paper to which he alludes but does not specifically name. In regard to the character of some of the advertisements they publish there are other Indian native publications besides those whom "X" castigates which are open to animadversion. For example, I have before me now an Indian monthly publication not published in Bengal, which contains advertisements that no "decent English newspaper" would admit. Perhaps the explanation is that what one race regards as improper is not always regarded in the same light by another race. Still serious and respectable papers printed in English should conform to approved English standards. *Verbum sap.* Before I leave this subject let me invite the attention, of all who are interested, to the reply which Mr. Samuel-Smith has made in to-day's *Times* to the outpourings of the discredited Mr. Hyndman who 25 years ago predicted the early insolvency of India. In regard to Indian politics Mr. Smith has always been more or less, more rather than less, with the demands of the Congress party, but he is constrained to describe Mr. Hyndman's statements as exaggerated. With regard to the "drain of India" theory which he borrowed from Mr. Dadabhai Navroji, Mr. Smith puts the case thus:—

"He treats the difference between Indian exports and imports as a dead loss to that country or elsewhere between 30 and 40 millions a year. One would suppose from his statement that India compulsorily pays a tribute to this country annually of the amount. The fact is India does not pay a tribute of one penny, say more than the United States does, whose excess of exports over imports has averaged about 100 millions sterling for several years. The United States is probably the most flourishing country in the whole world; but, according to this theory of a "drain," she ought to be amongst the poorest. So should the Australian colonies, who export annually a large excess over their imports. So should several other of the most thriving countries—for example, the Argentine, Chile, Brazil, etc., and to a less extent Canada, which all export much more than they import."

Space prevents my quoting one or two other telling passages in a letter which is not likely to be

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FESTIVITIES AT ABERDEEN.

VISIT OF THE KING AND QUEEN.

New University Buildings Opened.

GREAT DEMONSTRATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 27.

The King and Queen had a most enthusiastic reception at Aberdeen to-day.

Enormous crowds witnessed the procession along the decorated streets to the University.

Five thousand filled the quadrangle where King Edward performed the opening ceremony of the new buildings.

INDIA AWAKENING.

View of a Japanese.

WAITING THE HELP OF THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 28.

The *Daily Telegraph* correspondent at Tokio says that the *Japan Times* publishes a letter signed Taoji Amin declaring that India has awakened and is endeavouring to regain her freedom, and waits the help of an Oriental nation which is already successful in civilisation.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE.

Decision as to Naval Armament.

A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 27.

Mr. Deakin, the Commonwealth Premier, outlining the Government's defence proposals in the Australian Parliament, announced that it has been decided to obtain four torpedoers and eight coastal destroyers in the first three years, and eight coastal and four ocean destroyers in the second three years. It is intended to obtain the pattern vessels from Great Britain and build the others in Australia.

EXTRAORDINARY BRAVERY.

Gallant Defence in Central Africa.

SIX CONQUER FIVE HUNDRED.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 27.

The *Daily News* despatch from Lake Tchad gives an account of extraordinary bravery displayed by six British native soldiers commanded by a native corporal, who resisted the prolonged and determined attacks of 500 Tuaregs and finally drove them off with heavy loss.

THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA.

Plot to Release Prisoners.

GENERAL STOESSEL'S TRIAL STOPPED.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 28

The Prison Administration at St. Petersburg has issued a confidential circular to the Governors which states that a new and strong terrorist organization has been formed with the object of releasing political prisoners by besieging the prisons.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 28.

General Stoessel has been compulsorily retired and further proceedings in connection with the surrender of Port Arthur have been quashed.

FLOODS IN THE COTTON STATES.

Extensive Damage Reported.

WRECKAGE OF SHIPS AND WHARVES

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 28.

Heavy storms have flooded a wide area in Louisiana and other Southern States. This is disquieting to the cotton circles, but it is believed the damage is not serious.

LATER.

Latest news of the storms in America state that extensive damage has been done to the cotton and that Alabama has suffered severely.

The waterfront at Pensacola is strewn with wreckage of ships and wharves. The losses in Pensacola vicinity alone exceed two million dollars.

THE GOVERNORSHIP OF NEW YORK STATE.

Democratic Candidate Chosen.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 27.

Mr. Hearst, the newspaper specialist magnate, has been nominated Democratic Candidate for the Governorship of New York State.

A HAUL IN DEATH DUTIES.

Millionaries Pay £1,500,000.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 27.

Seven millionaire estates, in the last five months, have produced 1½ million in death-duties, which is a record.

THE CARDIFF DOCKS AND RAILWAYS.

The Marquis of Bute's Offer.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 28.

The Marquis of Bute has offered the Cardiff Corporation the option of purchase of his interest in the Cardiff docks and railways the capital of which is seven millions.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Opening of the South African Tour.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 27.

The South African Rugby Team in their first match have beaten the East Midlands by 37 points to nil.

THE "CALEDONIA" REFLOATED.

Fears of a Block in the Canal Removed.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 28.

The steamer "Caledonia" has been refloated and proceeded to Malta.

THE DRAIN ON LONDON GOLD.

Pressure on American Banks.

TO BE RELIEVED FROM STATE TREASURY.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 28.

It is announced at Washington that the Treasury will deposit twenty-six million dollars with the Banks in various cities, returnable when the pressure of the money market is over. This is expected to relieve the drain on London Gold.

DISTURBANCES IN CRETE.

Rioters Arrested.

REINFORCEMENTS SENT.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 28.

A number of those who took part in the riots on the occasion of the departure of Prince George from Crete have been arrested. The ringleaders have fled or are in hiding.

Two hundred and forty French troops from Marseilles, and 292 Italians from Messowa have arrived at Canea and reinforcements have been sent to the disturbed districts.

THE PUBLIC LOANS ACT.

Extension to Bangalore Municipality.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, SEPTEMBER 29.

At a meeting of the Bangalore Civil and Military Station Municipal Commissioners the question of extending to local authorities the Loans Act II of 1879, to enable the Commissioners to borrow money for the purpose of completing the drainage and other important Municipal works came on for discussion. Mr. O'Shaughnessy objected to the Commissioners being empowered to borrow money and to involve the Municipality in heavy debt, and referred to the sad plight of the Bombay, Calcutta and Madras Municipalities which had borrowed large sums of money and which they could not ever repay; to which one Commissioner remarked that no Municipality could manage without barrowing heavily, and that Bombay was justly proud that her municipal debt amounted to three crores, which showed the flourishing condition of that Municipality and the soundness of her credit.

Much discussion followed, the Commissioners eventually passing a proposal by 9 votes to 2 that the Loans Act should be extended to the local authorities of the Civil and Military Station.

When this Act is applied the Commissioners propose to borrow three lakhs of rupees on debentures to complete the very necessary now drainage scheme for the Station.

COCAINE SMUGGLING AT TUTICORIN.

Accused Fined and Property Confiscated.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, SEPTEMBER 26.

A case of illicit possession and smuggling of cocaine was detected recently by Mr. W. Mervyn Smith, Superintendent of Sea Customs at Tuticorin, while watching the landing of passengers.

One morning Mr. Smith noticed a man passing what looked like dirty pillow to a fellow passenger who was standing outside the pier. Suspicions being aroused Mr. Smith seized the bag and on examination found two pounds of Cocaine concealed in it. The culprit, a wealthy Mahomedan merchant of Delhi was forthwith prosecuted before Mr. D. G. Waller, I.C.S., the Subdivisional Magistrate, for being found in possession of cocaine without a license.

After an elaborate trial Mr. Waller convicted the accused and fined him Rs. 500 and directed the cocaine to be confiscated.

THE VICEROY'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER 28.

The Council Committee under Sir Arundel-Arundel is now pushing on with their deliberations and their report will be ready early next month.

There is reason to believe that the question is being dealt with in a sympathetic spirit.

THE AMIR'S VISIT.

30,000 Troops to Take Part in the March Past.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, SEPTEMBER 26.

The functions at Agra in honor of the Amir of Kabul will probably cover some five or six days, but the details regarding the Durbar and Military parade have yet to be worked out.

Encampments will be on a large scale and some 30,000 troops are likely to be present for the March past" at the conclusion of the manœuvres.

THE QUETTA STAFF COLLEGE.

Nearly Ready for Occupation.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, SEPTEMBER 28.

The Staff College buildings at Quetta are expected to be ready for occupation by next summer. April and May will, therefore, probably be chosen for the vacation so that the move from Deolali may be more easily carried out. In this case the classes will assemble at Quetta on the 1st of June.

BREACH OF BUNDS IN SIND.

Loss Estimated at over a Lakh.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, SEPTEMBER 28.

Enormous damage has been done in the Guni *taluka* by floods caused by the breach in the Budka Rock Bund.

The offical estimate of damage, up to the present time, is one lakh, and the loss of revenue on account of breaches in the Langhar *taluka* in the Thar and Parkar Districts, is estimated at Rs. 20,000.

THE SUPREME LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Introduction of the Insolvency Bill.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 28.

THERE was a Legislative Council Meeting to-day under the presidency of His Excellency the Viceroy at 11 a.m. The Hon'ble Mr. Richards moved for leave to introduce a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Insolvency in British India as administered by the courts having jurisdiction outside the Presidency towns, the town of Rangoon and the scheduled districts. He said:—

My Lord.—In making this motion I do not propose to explain the provisions of the Bill in any detail because it is founded on, and is indeed for the most part, a mere reproduction of the Chapter on Insolvency in the Bill to amend the Code of Civil Procedure, which has for some time past been before this Council. From that Chapter, the present Bill, or the greater part of it, has been passed by a Select Committee of this Council and has been generally accepted by the local Governments, High Courts and other authorities to whom it was circulated.

The necessity for some amendment of the law is admitted, and no objection has been taken to the general form of the amendment adopted in the Bill. The Law of Insolvency in Presidency towns and in Rangoon differs from that in force in the rest of British India. In the former, it is governed by Imperial Statute and the Indian Insolvency Act of 1848; in the letter by the Code of Civil Procedure.

The present Bill does not affect the Act of 1848, nor does it affect the insolvency proceedings in towns to which that Act applies. It takes the place of a Chapter on Insolvency in the Code and relates only to the part of British India to which the Act does not apply.

THE OLD PROVISIONS.

The provisions of the Insolvency Chapter of the present Code originated in the Code of 1859 and were somewhat extended in the Code of 1877 and by amending the Act of 1879; but since 1879 they have not been changed, and the Chapter still remains as it was described by the late Lord Hobhouse as "a germ, and nothing more than a germ of an Insolvency Law." Since then conditions have progressed and there can be no doubt that the time has arrived when a more complete law is needed both for the purpose of relieving honest but unfortunate debtors and for the purpose of securing the rights of creditors. This is especially the case in large centres of trade in the mufassal, and it is to be remembered that there are more than a score of towns in the mufassal with population of over a hundred thousand, and in more backward parts of the country there is perhaps little need of any law of insolvency at all at present time. But the Bill is drawn to apply only to areas within the jurisdiction of such Courts as the local Governments may notify. It need not, therefore, be applied to these parts. Speaking generally, the main defects in the present law are that its application is too limited in scope and that it does not afford adequate relief to honest debtors, and on the other hand that it does not sufficiently secure the rights of creditors. As to the first of these matters, the Insolvency Chapter of the Code of Civil Procedure can be made use of only by debtors who have been arrested or imprisoned in the execution of a decree for money or against whose property an order of attachment has been passed in execution of such a decree, and it can be put in force only by creditors who have obtained a decree for the payment of money. It is limited, therefore, to cases in which legal proceedings have been instituted and judgment obtained.

THE NEW BILL.

The Bill removes this restriction by declaring that an Insolvency petition may be presented by any creditor or by any debtor if the debtor has committed an Act of insolvency; and an Act of insolvency is defined in the Bill—following the English legislation and to some extent the law of the Presidency towns—to include acts which have the rights of the creditors, such as fraudulent transfers of property or the absconding of the debtor, and which are of themselves evidence of insolvency—such as the conveying of property to a trustee for the benefit of creditors generally; the giving notice to creditors that the debtor has suspended or is about to suspend payment of his debts; and the presentation of a petition to be adjudged an insolvent under the Bill; and also acts on which insolvency proceedings can be founded under the present Code. The scope of the Bill, therefore, is much more extensive than that of the present law.

Next as regards the relief of debtors under the Code of Civil Procedure, a debtor is released from custody only on the certificate of the Receiver, that the insolvent has placed him in possession of all his property, and when he is finally discharged under the Insolvency proceedings the effect of the discharge is limited. It does not free the debtor himself from arrest or imprisonment or his property from seizure and attachment on account of any debt which has not been entered in the schedule; and even in respect of scheduled debts his property subsequently acquired may be taken in execution until those debts have been satisfied to the extent of one-third or until expiry of twelve years from the date of discharge. The debtor, therefore, although he may have acted perfectly honestly throughout, may remain under

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for a considerable period. Under the Bill, on the contrary, the debtor will be released from prison immediately on the making of an order adjudging him an insolvent and after his discharge, speaking generally, no proceedings can be taken against him in respect of any debts probable in the insolvency. Then as regards creditors, it will be found that the right of creditors are much better secured under the Bill than under the existing law. The order of adjudication is to relate back to the date of the presentation of the insolvency petition, and from that time the property of the debtor is to be available only for the payment of debts under the insolvency. Provisions have also been added following the English Law for the avoidance of voluntary settlement and of transfers of property, giving undue preference to particular creditors, and the provisions intended to prevent dishonesty on the part of debtors have been made more stringent only, and that an adjudication order made after hearing the debtor, But in order to prevent the property of the debtor being made away within the interval, the Court is given powers of control over that property between the date of the presentation of the petition and that of the adjudication order. The general result of the Bill, if passed, will be to provide an Insolvency Law based on the lines of the English Law of Bankruptcy, but in a greatly simplified form, which it is hoped will be suitable to the requirements of the mufassal, and to the capacities of the Courts which will have to administer. It consists of 46 Clauses in all, as against the 170 Sections and 53 Rules which constitute the English Act of 1883, and the 134 Clauses and 55 Rules of which the Bankruptcy Bill introduced in this Council in 1885 was composed.

Amendment the Presidency Banks Act.

MR. BAKER'S NEW BILL.

The Hon'ble Mr. Baker, in introducing the Bill to amend the Presidency Banks Act, 1876, said—

My Lord,—I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Presidency Banks Act of 1876. The Bill has been under consideration for some time and it was originally in contemplation that it should be a somewhat important measure conferring power on the Banks, among other matters, to have recourse to the London Money Market under certain restrictions, a power which they do not at present possess.

Serious objections have, however, been found to exist to this proposal and eventually it was decided that, in the interests of the country as a whole, it is not expedient to give the Banks access to London.

This proposal has, therefore, been abandoned and, as a consequence, certain other proposals, which were contingent thereon, have also been dropped. These omissions have deprived the Bill of much of its importance. It is now a measure of a relatively miner consequence whose only object is to remove certain restrictions on the powers of the Banks, which experience has shown to be unnecessary, and slightly to enlarge the permissible scop of their operations.

The principal new powers which it is now proposed to confer on them are the following: *viz*:—

(1) To deal in Securities issued by State-aided Railways or by District Boards.

(2) To make loans and advances on other than personal security for a period not exceeding six months.

(3) To grant overdrafts up to Rs. 10,000 instead of only up to Rs. 2,000 as at present.

(4) With the sanction of Government in each case to take over the capital assets and business of any other Bank in British India and to carry on its business in accordance with the provisions of the Presidency Banks Act.

(5) To advocate money on the joint and several promissory notes of two for more persons unconnected in business.

(6) With the previous sanction of the local Government to lend money for a period not exceeding six months to the Court of Wards in respect of Estates under its management, and

(7) In the case of the Bank of Madras to lend on Ceylon Government Securities, resources raised in Ceylon

It is also proposed to remove the existing statutory limitations on the capital of each Bank.

The Council adjourned *sine die*.

DESTRUCTION OF WILD ANIMALS.

Statistics for 1905.

HUGE LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 28.

The usual statistics relating to the destruction of wild animals and snakes in 1905 are published in the *Gazette*. Two thousand and fifty-four human beings against 2,157 in the previous year are reported to have been killed by wild animals; and of these, 48 were killed by elephants, 26 meeting their deaths in the Assam Valley Districts.

Leopards killed 401 persons, no less than 126 deaths occurring in the Central Provinces, maneating leopards killing 786 persons, there being 80 deaths in the Angul district, 26 in Palamau and 70 in Singhbhum, all in Bengal.

The mortality fell from 88 to 43 in Burma, and also declined in the Central Provinces.

Well-known man-eaters were destroyed in several districts in Bengal and the Central Provinces.

There were only 153 deaths from wolves against 244 in 1904, and as usual nearly all the deaths occurred in the United Provinces. The crusades against these animals were carried on with considerable success in Rohilkand, Badaun and in Raipur, and in Bilaspur in the Central Provinces.

The mortality from snake-bite fell from 21,880 in 1904 to 21,797.

In Bombay, orders have been issued for the supply to Government Officers, Institutions, Municipalities and District Local Boards of the lancets designed by Sir Lander-Brunton for the treatment of snake-bite with permanganate of potash.

In the Central Provinces also a large number of lancets were distributed to vaccinators and selected land-holders, and in several cases the treatment is said to have been successful.

The number of cattle destroyed by wild animals rose from 88,206 in 1904 to 92,277, and the number killed by snakes fell from 10,376 to 8,039. Of the former, the number destroyed by tigers amounted to 30,683; by leopards to 44,846; by wolves to 9,232; by hyenas to 2,422 and by other animals to 3,894. The greatest destruction occurred in Bengal, the Central Provinces and Eastern Bengal and Assam. In Bengal the districts returning the highest mortality were Palamau and Hazaribagh. In Central Provinces leopards are reported to have been responsible for two-thirds of the increased destruction, their depredations being, as in previous years, especially severe in Jubbulpore and Saugor. Much of the increase in the mortality is said to be due to better reporting; but in the main, it is attributed to the gradual disappearance of game from the jungles. The fact that there has been a large increase in the destruction of human life and of cattle by leopards while at the same time the number of the latter destroyed (925 as, compared with 739 in 1904) is much greater than before, is said to indicate that these destructive animals seek their prey in the neighbourhood of villages more [illegible] than they formerly did in Eastern Bengal and Assam. The increased mortality in the Hill districts is attributed to the ravages of wild dogs and in the plains districts to the heavy floods, which in some places forced wild animals to take refuge in the villages.

The number of wild animals destroyed rose from 16,122 in 1904 to 16,915; the number of tigers, leopards, bears, wolves and hyenas destroyed was 1,355, 4,811, 2,236, 2,016 and 554, respectively.

The rewards paid for the destruction of wild animals amounted to Rs. 127,665 as against Rs. 107,033 in 1904.

The total number of snakes killed fell from 65,678 in 1904 to 64,117, and the rewards paid for their destruction amounted to Rs. 2,676 against Rs. 2,727 in 1904.

The number of licences issued, free of cost, under the Indian Arms Act, 1878, for the destruction of wild animals and for the protection of crops during the year was 8901 against 8,489 in 1904; and the total number of licences of this nature in force, including such as were valid from previous years, amounted to 37,833 as compared with 37,720 in 1904.

ALL-INDIA MAHOMEDAN DEPUTATION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 28.

The Members of the great All-India Mahomedan Deputation to the Viceroy are now assembled at Simla and their Address will be presented on Monday.

NEW SHORT MAGAZINE RIFLE.

Major Oswesley's Design.

NOW BEFORE THE WAR OFFICE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 27.

A new short magazine rifle which was recently brought out by Major Godsal Oswestry is attracting considerable attention in Military circles. This weapon, from which fair results were obtained at Bisley, is shortened, not by cutting several inches off the barrel, but by having a portion of the mechanism, including the magazine, in the small of the butt. The barrel is thus left of ordinary length. The magazine holds six cartridges, and being provided with a cut-off can be used as a single loader with the charged magazine in reserve. For a supreme effort the magazine can be loaded singly or by clip. It is claimed that a very large number of rounds of cartridges can be carried by a soldier armed with this rifle. The rifle has been submitted to the War Office.

MILITARY POSTINGS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 28.

The posting of Lt.-Col. G. M. Heath, R. E., to the Indian Establishment, is cancelled.

Lt.-Col. Dumbleton, R. E., has been placed under orders for duty in India, and will embark about the middle of December next.

Major-General Kitchener, Commanding Lahore Division, is granted one month's privilege leave. Major-General Clements will command the Division.

THE KALKA-SIMLA RAILWAY.

Rapid Progress with the Repairs.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, SEPTEMBER 26.

The repairs to the Kalka-Simla Railway proceeded rapidly during the past ten days, the weather having been most favourable for the work. The line should therefore be soon in fair working order.

SIR GEORGE BIRDWOOD AND MR. BANERJEE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—Referring to the telegram in *The Times* of the 4th reporting that Mr. S. N. "Banerjea" (this is the English form of the patronymic Bandopadhyaya), late of the British Indian Civil Service, had been "anointed and crowned in Calcutta with regal honours," and to the letter, by Mr. R. C. Dutt, C. I. E., in *The Times* of the 7th and 8th inst. commenting on this telegram, and again to the telegram in *The Times* of the 6th inst., reporting details of Mr. Banerjee's so-called "coronation," will you permit me to say that until I read *The Times* of the 6th I unreservedly agreed with Mr. Datt, who is an indisputable authority (and in the full and fundamental meaning of the word, as the equivalent of *sva-yam* and *sva-puras*) on the subject, that both the facts and the significance of the function reported had been misrepresented, not indeed, intentionally, as Mr. Dutt, would seem to imply, but simply because they had been misapprehended and misunderstood, as the all-pervading, all-sustaining, and all-comforting ritual of Hindu life, which is in everything sacramental and all-worshipful, is invariably misunderstood by Europeans unless they happen to be Germans! Crowning and anointing of themselves go for nothing in India. I have been many times "anointed and crowned," either as, for the nonce, a *pandit*, by devoted pupils, or an auspicious guest, and once, as a guest, in association with the right hon. the members for Sloaford (see "The Mahratta Plough," *Asiatic Quarterly Review*). Brides and bridegrooms are anointed *(taila marden)*, and, of course, Kings are *(abhisek)*. But anointing is only one of the many rites observed in the sacring of an Indian King, such as *agnidhana*, "the fixing of the fires of sacrifice," *agni-hotra*, "the offering (of milk) in sacrifice," *agni-shtoma*, "the offering of *soma* juice," *sautre-mani*, or *asoma*, "the expiatory offering for over-indulgence in *soma*, and so on. None of these rites, however, of themselves signify the assumption of the office of a King, or a King of Kings or Emperor; and so far as the telegram of the 4th inst. went, I implicitly accepted Mr. R. C. Dutt's explanation of Mr. S. N. Banerjee's "coronation" as an interesting academic rite. But the telegram of the 6th reported that an "umbrella was placed over his head, and a chowrie *chamara*, originally the tail of the yak) was waved before him." Now this rite constitutes the absolute sacring of an Indian King, and has been immemorially observed throughout historical Asia (including Egypt) as the consummation of the state, office, and majesty of kingship. Unless, therefore, Mr. Banerjee's "coronation" was a profane parody, a thing unthinkable among Hindus, it was a true regal consecration. I do not think Mr. R. C. Dutt, or Mr. S. M. Mitra, will gainsay this. I appeal to them, not as political partisans, but as men profoundly learned in their national religion and history, and animated by the fair and frank instincts of true scholars. When *sargiya* Sivaji, was consecrated King for the second time at Raighur (the Muslim, as well as Hindu, rites being observed,) he proclaimed himself to the Mahratta nation, and all India, as *Chhattra-pati* Sivaji, "the Lord of the Umbrella." And the Indian equivalent of the word anarchy is *chattrabanga*, literally "umbrella-broken."

I cannot possibly see eye to eye with Mr. R. C. Dutt where he salves the rites reported in the first telegram as merely a Brahmanical benediction on Mr. Banerjee's political agitation; for from the orthodox Hindu points of view none but a King can receive the blessing of a Brahman on any political acts, or undertakings; and no orthodox Hindu dare stir up opposition to the policy of his ruler. Only we "true born Britons" contemptuously allow such license to our subjects.

"Our trade's the largest and our wealth the most
And while our mills and furnaces keep going,
And our free mart invites even foes to stock it,
Our pride is—where it should be—in our pocket"

—I have, &c.,

GEORGE BIRDWOOD,

SEPTEMBER 8.

OIL STEAMER DESTROYED BY FIRE.

No Lives Reported Lost.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, SEPTEMBER 28.

The Irrawady Flotilla Company's steamer Ava has partially been destroyed by fire. From meagre information which can be gathered it would appear that the Ava was at Anchor at a river station above Prome when the flat lying alongside her was struck by lightning during a thunder storm which caused heavy rain to fall along nearly the whole course of the Rangoon river for a number of days.

The flash of lightning ignited some oil which was in the bottom of the flat and the oil immediately burst into furious flames with the result that the hull was almost destroyed. The flames spread to the Ava and quickly secured a hold of the upper deck which has been destroyed. The old "Ava" it will be remembered, was destroyed by fire not very long ago through a lighted cigar being thrown overboard and causing the oil floating on the water alongside to ignite.

Considerable damage was done, in fact the steamer and flat were destroyed and a number of lives lost. Nothing is yet known of the exact amount of damage on the present unfortunate incident.

LATER.

Further particulars were gleaned late this afternoon from which it transpires that the oil flat which was struck by lightning has been totally destroyed. She had a capacity of 1,200 tons. The "Ava" has had her superstructure seriously damaged. She is now being towed down to Rangoon.

The catastrophe occurred at Nirkama, a station between Prome and Thayetmyo. It is believed there has been no loss of life. The ship's commander, officers, and native crew worked with commendable zeal and fortitude and did what was humanly possible in their efforts to extinguish the flames. In the case of the steamer they were only partially successful. But the fire had taken such a complete control of the flat after the lightning struck that nothing could be done to check the flames which became particularly fierce and destructive.

THE KING AND QUEEN OF PORTUGAL.

Birthday Celebration.

Yesterday being the birthday of Their Majesties the King and Queen of Portugal, there was a large gathering of Portuguese at the St. Francis Xavier's Church of Dabul for the thanksgiving service which was conducted by the Vicar-General Reverend Luis Claudino Pera. The Consul-General for Portugal, His Excellency Viscount de Wrem, as well as a large number of the clergy of the Padroado jurisdiction were present.

The officers and the Commanding Officer, Major Reed of the 113th Native Infantry, had kindly lent the regimental band, which, under the masterly direction of Mr. H. W. Tonar, discoursed a selection of choice music.

A reception was held at 9-30 p.m. at the Consulate where a good number of Portuguese were present. Mr. Leandro Mascarenhas in an appropriate speech eulogized the past history of the Portuguese nation, showing the loyalty of the Portuguese of Goa towards the Crown. After which His Excellency Viscount of Wrem drank to the health of their Royal Sovereigns, as also of the Consul of Spain and Belgium. The Reception Hall was artistically decorated with evergreens and ferns, representing the Crown and Coat of Arms of Portugal, under the supervision of the Chancellor, Mr. A. Juvenal deSouza. The Consul availed of this opportunity of presenting to Messrs. Ahmed Dewjee and Brothers with a Diploma, which was conferred upon them by the King of Portugal for their faithful services rendered as Royal Purveyors. They thanked the Consul for the honour bestowed upon their firm. Whereupon Revd. Father Pera, Vicar General, representing the Bishop of Damaun, gave the toast of the Consul, which was enthusiastically drunk. The Victoria Band was in attendance.

"MACBETH" IN MARATHI.

Glamis in Jodhpurs.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SHOLAPUR, SEPTEMBER 27.

A party of us went to see "Macbeth" at the Sholapur Theatre, the "Maconochie," the other night. It was in Marathi, but so well acted, by the "Maharastra Mandli," that we had little difficulty in following it, while the novelty of the setting gave it peculiar piquancy. The translation used was by Professor Paranjpe (of Senior Wrangler fame) of Poona. We had not time to stay long after Duncan had been killed—(the play would not finish till about 2 a.m.)—but we saw enough to admire the acting, on occasion, of Macbeth (Manjirao) and that of Lady Macbeth (Daryabai). The witches were particularly successful, being men wrapped in black blankets, and dancing in a circle, while they imitated the cry of jackals with a perfection that would have been impossible in Scotland. A large paper hobgoblin, suspended and bobbing in the background, was, we fancy, a little thing of the management's own. Duncan was rather an old dodderer, and we were not sorry to see him polished off; and Macbeth in chop-whiskers and Jodhpur breeches was somewhat of a surprise, and when he appeared, after having murdered Duncan, almost covered in red ink on a white ground, some of us compared him to a careless barber, and some to a Chicago pork butcher. However, in the critical passages of the play, he showed an eloquence of enunciation, and a vehemence of action, which commanded all our respect, and he was only surpassed by Lady Macbeth, also a man, in a sari and nose-ring, and a gainer no doubt by the fact of her real sex. Her acting, her elocution, and facial play, throughout, were of a character that quite shone through any unfamiliarity of garb, and showed that the actor had seized his part, and knew well how to give it life and force. It needed such acting to counteract the effect of scenes set in architecture of every age, clime, and perspective; but we were quite sorry to depart. The house was very fairly crowded, from the two-anna to the rupee-and-a-half places.

From the 26th to the 29th a Hyderabad team is to play Sholapur at tennis and cricket, and some good performances are expected.

The Ganpati procession was not very exciting this year there being only some eight or nine cars. The richest man in Sholapur, disdaining any place but the first, which goes by ancient prescription, had his own separate show in the morning, and I am told it was very fine. In the evening all the Ganpatis were "drowned" at the various steps leading into the city Tank, amid cries of "moria, moria!", whatever that may mean.

A Pandharpur Exhibition is to be opened next month, but the Light Railway to Pandharpur will not be ready. It is said that the line is to be worked by the G. I. P., and not by the Barsi Light Railway Company, of which it is an extension.

The New Cotton Mill at Sholapur the fourth in the city—has not yet passed the signboard stage; and the new mill for Barsi is still advertising for funds. If the latter enterprise can secure a good water-supply, besides being floated financially, it should do well.

The, rain, though most timely this year, is not yet up to the recognised normal. However, it has so fallen that a double first crop may be expected, besides the second crop, which is usually the only one of importance. Cattle and wells are looking up and the country is beautifully green.

The club has fished up and repaired the old rowing boat on the Motibag Tank, and it is now only waiting for oars. At the same time the swimming bath in the Motibag garden is to be put in order.

FAMINE RELIEF RETURNS.

A Drop of Half a Lakh.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPTEMBER 28.

The total number of persons in receipt of relief throughout India during the week ending September 22nd was 152,480, a reduction of 45,680 as compared with the previous week.

The number of persons in receipt of relief in the different provinces continues to diminish.

Crop prospects are unchanged and crops are doing well practically everywhere.

Much distress due to late floods still continues in Darbhanga and Saran and slight distress is reported from Jessore.

Cholera and malarial fever prevail in parts of the United Provinces and free distribution of quinine continues.

Damage to crops from locusts is reported from Rajputana and Central India.

State relief has been stopped in Poona and Satara and in the Bombay Presidency. The numbers on relief have decreased by 12,924 persons.

THE BOMBAY REPORT.

The following Telegram from the Government of Bombay was sent to the Government of India, on the 26th of September.

Good rain during week in Konkan, Poona, Sholapur, Satara, Karnatak, Baroda, Kathiawar and Kolhapur and slight in Karachi, Gujarat, Khandesh, Nasik, Ahmednagar, Palanpur and Rewa Kantha. More rain needed in parts Nasik, Ahmednagar, and Dharwar. Cotton sowing still continues in places. Slight damage to crops by locusts in Hyderabad and Thar and Parkar, grasshoppers in Sholapur, rats in Karachi, insects in Upper Sind Frontier and Khandesh, floods in Hyderabad and excessive moisture in Karachi, Ahmedabad, Baroda, Palanpur and Cutch. Standing crops generally in good condition elsewhere. Harvesting of kharif crops commenced in Karachi, Hyderabad, Thar and Parkar, Gujarat, Konkan, Deccan, Belgaum, Mahi Kantha and Rewa Kantha. Sowing of rabi crops continues in parts Broach, Deccan, Karnatak, Baroda, Cutch, Mahi Kantha, Rewa Kantha and Kolhapur. Supply of water for drinking and irrigation adequate. Agricultural stock insufficient in parts Ahmednagar, Poona, Sholapur and Bijapur, but improving in condition. Abundant green grass available everywhere. Stocks of grain in markets adequate. Prices falling. Quantity of grain purchasable per rupee, in Deccan 18 to 47 per cent., in Karnatak 22 to 35 per cent., and elsewhere 10 to 30 per cent., less than normal. Demand for labour in fields adequate and numbers on relief diminishing. Public health generally good. State relief stopped in Poona and Satara. Numbers on relief for week ending 15th instant—British Districts—Deccan: works 3,141, gratuitous 15,161; total 18,302. Karnatak: works 4,919, gratuitous 11,672; total 16,591. Native States: works 871, gratuitous 1,746; total 2,617.

THE MURREE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, SEPTEMBER 28.

The 6th Mountain Battery beat "A" Team of the Royal Munster Fusiliers by two goals to one; and the North-Western Railway Rifle Volunteers tied with the Queen's—one goal each.

The tie is to be played off on Friday morning.

THE NOISY FORT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—Is there any known way of preventing the noises that every Saturday night until about 4 a.m. on Sunday, rend Home Street from end to end? Regularly, every week, at the time mentioned, the sounds of natives quarrelling, or joking, any way shrieking at each other, make sleep almost impossible and to add to one's troubles, dogs have, for the last week, been making Elphinstone Circle, and Home Street uninhabitable with the uproar they make, all night, and well into the morning. When written to on the subject, the police have been most courteous, and have sent to explore the (to them) almost unknown region of Elphinstone Circle and Home Street, but the instant the police sepoy is withdrawn, the noises break out again with equal violence.—Yours, etc.,

RESIDENT.

KEROSINE COMBINE.

WE are informed on the best authority that there is no truth in the report which has recently appeared in the Rangoon Press that a combination of the Asiatic, Burma and Standard Oil Companies has been arranged throughout India with a view to controlling the prices of Kerosine Oil.

LATEST FROM HOME.

[SPECIALLY PREPARED BUDGET.]

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 14.

ROYAL MOTOR-CAR MISHAP.

BOY INJURED AT HOUNSLOW.

THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT AS NURSE.

THE motor-car in which H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught and party were travelling last night from Bagshot to London met with a serious accident outside Hounslow, says the Central News.

Two boys were holding on to the back of a cart and one of them, a lad about twelve years of age, released his hold on the cart and ran towards the pavement. As he did so, the Royal motor-car, which was just passing, caught the lad full on the face and side, knocking him senseless, and seriously injuring him.

The car was immediately stopped, and the Duchess of Connaught jumped out and herself lifted up the injured lad. Recognising that the injuries were such as to call for medical treatment, her Royal Highness had the boy lifted into the motor and ordered the driver to proceed as quickly as possible to the Hounslow Hospital.

The Duchess was greatly upset at the accident, although her chauffeur was in no way to blame, and immediately on getting to the hospital herself personally directed the conveyance of the boy into the hospital. Every medical attention was at once forthcoming but so sympathetic and concerned was the Duchess that she remained with the injured boy and in various little ways acted as nurse.

Not until she was assured that the lad was not likely to die did her Royal Highness leave the injured boy and proceed on her journey to London. Before leaving, she directed that every medical attention and comfort should be given to the case. Later in the evening a special messenger was sent to Hounslow to make inquiries on behalf of the Duchess, and inquiries have again been made to-day.

It was found on medical examination that the injured boy's head was damaged, and that he had sustained other injuries, but he is fully expected to recover.

The followings is the official account of the accident from the Secretary to the Duchess of Connaught:—

"Her Royal Highness, with several members of her family, was proceeding from Bagshot to London in the motor-car, and while passing through the High-street, Hounslow, at a speed of six or eight miles an hour, approached a market cart advancing in the opposite direction.

When almost abreast of the latter, a boy darted out from behind the cart immediately in front of the advancing car, and was struck by the off-side head lamp sustaining severe injuries. The lad was immediately attended to by a medical man, who advised his removal to the Cottage Hospital, to which he was at once conveyed by the ambulance.

The unfortunate accident is much regretted by her Royal Highness and the other occupants of the car, though it was one which no human skill or foresight could have prevented.

The Duchess of Connaught, it is understood, was accompanied by her daughters, Princess Margaret (Duchess of Skane) and Princess Patricia, and her son-in-law, Prince Gustav Adolf of Sweden (Duke of Skane) No lady or gentleman of the Household was in attendance, and the only other occupant of the car was the chauffeur, her Royal Highness's regular driver, Mr. Brown, who is a most careful and capable man.

EYE-WITNESS'S STORY.

An eye-witness of the scene says: "The lads were either clinging to the cart or playing a game of 'catch' behind and around it. The boy ran into the road without the slightest warning of his intention, and in an instant was in front of the Royal car. No human skill could have averted the accident, as the car was about six feet from him when he made a spring. The wheels of the car did not go over him, but the lamp or its bracket struck him on the face and knocked him clear of the car."

The driver at once pulled up, while those in the car manifested the deepest sorrow and concern. Her Royal Highness displayed great sympathy, jumping out of the car and helping to pick up the boy. The chauffeur gave a policeman all the necessary particulars, and it was deemed proper to defer the completion of the journey until the boy had been removed to the hospital. When he was conveyed on the police [illegible] the doctors announced that [illegible] no immediate danger of a fatal termination in the Duchess and her party resumed their drive to London, after having delayed about an hour. [illegible] the chauffeur called later at the hospital to ascertain the extent of the boy's injuries. Instructions were made for a telegram to be forwarded to Cl

...the Sandringham and the Prince of Wales' Nursery, as Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild did, it is nice to have a retrospect of the concluding event of the meeting, and Royal Romance played the part to perfection in the Westmoreland Handicap. Bells provided a market for the winner's friends, and they fairly swamped it, so that the Beppo losses would be recovered with interest. So ended another Doncaster. There have been few more unexciting ones.

THE NEED OF MONEY IN RUSSIA

FATE OF M. STOLYPIN'S MINISTRY.

A St. Petersburg, Correspondent writing to the *Daily Telegraph* says:—

A paralysing despondency prevails in Government circles in consequence of the pressing need of money, without which no item in M. Stolypin's political programme can be realised.

The Minister of Finance is helpless, and at the end of his resources. Foreign capitalists scout the notion of loans. Independent financial circles comment upon the astonishing carelessness of the Finance Ministry in its official calculations, and are not only drawing unfavourable conclusions, but are discounting them on the Exchange.

I have good grounds for expressing the apprehension that M. Stolypin's Cabinet, which is divided against itself will be finally broken up by an insolvency which might have been avoided by the appointment of a business-like financier.

The losses inflicted upon the Treasury by organised robberies in the Government alcohol shops amounted to 5,000 roubles last year, and to 280 roubles this year. Elaborate measures of protection are being taken to protect financial establishments from similar attacks. The Imperial Bank at St. Petersburg has the whole company of soldiers ever present with loaded rifles, 50 secret police agents, and a little army of watchmen and door-keepers.

The banks are also insuring the lives of their officials against bombs and revolvers at special revolutionary rates.

RUSSIANS ARRESTED AT GENEVA.

At the request of the Russian Legation at Berne, the Federal Council has ordered the arrest of three Russians who are accused of robbing the Municipal Bank of Douchet (Georgia) on April 26 last of £30,000.

The men gained admission to the building by giving the password, and no sooner had they entered than they seized the watchman and bound him with cords. The thieves then broke open the safe and got clear away with the contents.

The Russian police recently learned that the three men were living at Geneva with their wives and families. One was furnished with a passport made out in the name of Prince Okentscheglof.

The men protest their innocence, but they are being detained in the St. Antoine Prison.

U. S. TROOPS LANDED IN HAVANA.

ARMED MARCH THROUGH THE STREETS.

The continued successes of the insurgents and the apparent inability of the Government to check the progress of the revolt are being watched with the deepest concern. United States intervention is now regarded as imminent in virtue of what is known as Senator Platt's amendment to the Cuban Constitution, which reads as follows:—The Government of Cuba consents that the United States may exercise the right to intervene for the preservation of Cuban independence, the maintenance of a Government adequate for the protection of life, property, and individual liberty, and for discharging the obligations with respect to Cuba, imposed by the Treaty of Paris on the United States, now to be assumed and undertaken by the Government of Cuba.

Already American sailors have been landed at Cienfuegos and in front of La Feuza Castle for the protection of American interests, while at army headquarters preparations are being made for all eventualities.

The "Herald" publishes the following telegram from Havana:—Mr. Sleeper admits that the landing of bluejackets was the result of President Palma's appeal to him. The first boat put in to the Machina Wharf at half-past five o'clock yesterday afternoon, and in a few minutes 115 sailors had landed and started to march through the business quarter of the city, drawing one three-inch fieldpiece. They had with them a quantity of ammunition, consisting of twelve-pound shot for attacking buildings and earthworks, and shrapnel for repulsing charges. There were also two machine-guns, each with a Colt quick-firing automatic system.

The crowds in the streets were silent as the Stars and Stripes passed. President Palma, looking pale and weak, stood on a small balcony of the Palace and smiled on the procession. The other balconies were filled with officers.

Arriving in front of the La Feuza Castle the sailors trained one gun on the Palace, and the Plaza de Armas was covered by the others. Meanwhile, the "Denver" moved down off the foot of O'Reilly-street, so as to keep in touch with the landing forces. All the city officials resigned during the night, and the municipal district was placed under the orders of General Rodriguez, the head of the Rural Guards.

The correspondent telegraphs further that in pursuance of their policy of forcing intervention, the insurgents have burned the buildings on two of the largest American-owned sugar plantations in the province of Santa Clara.

ANOTHER AMERICAN BANK FAILURE.

EVIDENCE OF CRIMINAL LIABILITY.

Another bank at Philadelphia is charged with looting its depositors. This time it is the Philadelphia Trust Safe Deposit and Security Co., with liabilities of £1,200,000.

The Public Prosecutor, Mr. Bell, declared to-day that he discovered evidence of criminal liability, and it is concluded that an arrest must follow.

It is plain, he said, that the transactions with a syndicate which obtained control of the bank, were equally as unstable as those which caused the downfall of the Real Estate Trust Company.

While Americans generally applaud the local authorities for taking action in these cases, they insist that there must be something radically amiss in the system of official banking inspection which apparently allows irregularities to continue for years.

MR. HEARST DENOUNCED.

MR. BRYAN'S OPINION OF THE PRESIDENT.

The first break in the ranks of Mr. Charles F. Murphy's district leaders came yesterday evening, when Mr. Thomas E. Rush, leader of the Twenty-ninth Assembly District, issued a statement declaring that District Attorney Jerome would be nominated and would get the delegates from his district. He denounced Mr. W. R. Hearst as a freebooter, who for years had held a pistol at the head of Democracy.

THE STATUE OF WASHINGTON.

The statue of Washington, which has been erected by a private committee as an appreciation of the erection of the monument to Kossuth at Cleveland, will be unveiled to-morrow in the presence of the representatives of the Hungarian Government.

The fact that the United States Consul has received an order from his Government not to assist at the ceremony is causing much comment.

The Consul declares that the order has no political character whatever, as the ceremony is of a private nature, the whole affair having been arranged by a private committee.

ROYAL ORDER TO PRIESTS

The Spanish Minister for Public Instruction has communicated to his colleagues the Ministers of Justice and Public Worship a Royal order forbidding priests to sell objects of art, and notably those of archæological interest, contained in the churches and dependencies.

Several instances of such sales having been effected are referred to in the Royal order, among them being [illegible] by the cure of Gar (province of Lerida) to a [illegible] of sculptures and statues of historical [illegible]—remarkable works of the 12th [illegible]

[illegible] altar-piece of Memling, sold by the prior [illegible], is now in the Museum of Antwerp.

LIFEBOAT CAPSIZES.

[illegible] gale is raging along the coasts of Brittany. [illegible] fishing smacks have been obliged to return [illegible] to port.

[illegible] was foundered while attempting to weather [illegible] seas outside the port of Audierne. The lifeboat put off to rescue the drowning crews, but it immediately capsized. Fortunately, the men were picked up by other fishing smacks.

FRANCO-JAPANESE ENTENTE

PROSPECTS OF AN UNDERSTANDING.

"THE [illegible] publishes an interview it has had with Tokoshi Yoshiaki, the Japanese delegate to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference now in London, who is also a member of the Japanese Diet. Discussing the question of the relations between Japan and France, Tokoshi said that [illegible] would improve, ending most certainly in a Franco-Japanese understanding. He spoke of Japan's admiration for France, and recalled the fact that in 1884 the French Government made proposals to Japan of an alliance. But at that moment, said M. Tokoshi, Japan was a bird without feathers. She thanked France, but had to decline. To-day the motives which prevented the conclusion of this alliance disappeared and a Franco-Japanese understanding could perfectly well exist at the same time as the Franco-Russian and Anglo-Japanese alliances. M. Tokoshi declared that there were many Japanese politicians who desired to see such an understanding. He spoke in warm terms of the work done by France in Indo-China, and said that Japan was ready to give France all the guarantees she wanted on the subject of Indo-China. He showed the necessity of an alliance for the perfect colonisation of Indo-China, and for the proper development of China. He stated that the rumour that Japan was encouraging to stir up anti-French movements in Siam was without any foundation.

FACTS FOR MR. M'KENNA.

The German Press seems now to have reached the conclusion that secrecy need no longer be preserved as to the rapid development of the German navy Numerous articles in the Press refer to the Dreadnought controversy, and frankly state that hereafter only ships of the Dreadnought type will count in naval war.

With jubilation the newspapers state that in 1908 Germany will be as strong as and perhaps even stronger, than England, inasmuch as by that date Germany will have six battleships, each markedly superior to the Dreadnought building, and three armoured cruisers, each superior to the Invincible. She will thus have nine monster ships to the British nine, and the German ships will carry better guns, and more of them, and will be manned by better crews.

The articles printed in the "Daily Mail" on the subject of the Dreadnought and her startling influence on naval war have been generally reprinted here in fulle and are subject to much comment. Their accuracy and correctness are nowhere impugned. The articles in the "Spectator" and the "National Review" on the same subject have also attracted much attention.

The semi-official "Hamburger Nachrichten," after reviewing the Dreadnought theory, concludes thus:—"So, after this, the British newspapers still believe that our new battleship of the Dreadnought class will be only just equal to British Dreadnoughts. We will tell them that our new ships will greatly excel the Dreadnought in offensive power. What will the British public say when the full details of the design of the Ersatz Bayern are made public?"

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAIL OF 14TH SEPTEMBER.

THE P. and O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Arabia, Captain Thos. Leigh, arrived in harbour yesterday morning, with the English Mails of the 14th Sept. She brought the following passengers:—

FROM LONDON.

Thompson, Miss
McEllinney, Maj W
Carben, M and Mrs A
Harry, Mr and Mrs A M
Flowden, Mrs T C and infant
Hounfres, Mr and Miss H
Stockwell, Mrs
Brown, Mr C S V
Rich, Miss
Brown, Mr A J
Patterson, Rev. H
Wood, Mr and Mrs W
Taylor, Mrs F
Coleman, Miss
Coggan, Mr R T
Beatty, Capt M O
Taylor Mr R S
Taylor, Miss M
Battly, Mrs
Hutchison, Miss A
Thomas, Mr E
Hooper, Mr J
Sercombe, Mr N
Elworthy, Mrs H R
Hawkins, Mrs and child
Prick, Mr T W
Pedman, Mr J
Elliott, Capt and Mrs R W and infant
Laughlin, Mrs A M
Reed, Miss
Fountaine, Miss K
Thomas, Mrs Gaya and infant
Mayo, Mr W
Jans, Mr and Mrs W H
Swanyer, Mrs H R
Tickell, Mrs E J
Mount-Bigge, Miss
Wingrove, Miss
Douglas, Mrs and 2 Misses
Ratcliffe, Transd Mrs R
Compton, Mr P H
Goudge, Miss K M
Williams, Mr J L
Martin, Miss
Klapp, Mr Chas
Roper, Lt G P
Bennett, Mr R
Stone, Mr and Mrs W B
Tinson, Mrs J
Berryman, Mr and Mrs A C

Elsworthy, Miss
Gibbs, Mr and Mrs H H
McAlmon, Mr J H
Campbell, Miss
Spencer, Miss I
Knowles, Mr and Mrs
Rankine, Mr J
Sandford, Mr W
Kehl, Mrs
Pim, Miss
Dumk, Col C M
Plaistowe, Miss
Scott, Mr W F
Beale, Mr and Mrs F
Daunt, Mr E W
Gibb, Mrs J and infant
Spooner, Mr A J
3 principals Mr and Mrs and 3 children
Curtis Hayward, Mr C M
Walton, Mr E B
Ritchie, Mrs K
Brungate's, Mrs and 2 infants
Brungate, Master J W
Lampaler, Mrs G
Comber's Mrs infant
Lane, Mr Geo
Corson, Mrs S
Maddick, Mrs
Grimes, Mr H R
Browning Miss M
White, Miss L V
Angove, Mr C St A
Malone, Miss Hild
Chapman, Miss G
Kemp, Capt D C
Annesley, Mrs H and 2 infants
Smith, Mr G
Cunningham, Col and Mrs J A and child
Thornton, Mr and Mrs W G
Bateman, Miss Li Trobe
Cooper, Mr W
French, Miss M
Rodd, Capt W J P
Quinlan, Miss B
Woollan, Mrs P G
Mc Murray, Mr and Mrs J M
Bland, Mr A B
Coy Rose Mrs, Mr H B
Powers, Mr H

FROM MARSEILLES.

Wilson, Miss E B
Crampton, Major and Mrs F H
Lane, Capt P M
Crosthwaite, Mr C G
Wathen, Mr G A
Greven, Hon R
Hewett, Hon J P
Worden, Lt J Picton
Thornton, Mr G St. L
Nornabell, Mr H M
Finnimore, Mr B K
Neilson, Mr J F
Williamson, Mr R H
Campbell, Lt. and R N and Mrs
Potter, Miss G M
Whyte, Mr H A
Corkery, Mr and Mrs H
Hill, Mr J Ball
Howston, Major and Mrs E
Vincent, Mrs F H
Trevor-Roper, Mr and Mrs C
Clarke, Capt W S
Liddell, Mr and Mrs H C
Bryant, Mr F
Bally, C F K
Terry, Lt H B T
Fittingham, Mr G T
Lacon, Mr F H
Ragg, Miss H
Pringle, Mr J
Townsend, Mr J
Menges, Mr A
Tollemache, Lt L T
Whelan, Mr J H
Lemaister, Mr G H
Bewley, Lt C R
Powell, Mr J
Nicholson, Mr and Mrs J and 2 infants
Walton, Lt-Col
Silcock, Mr W R
Beaumont, Capt E J
Potter, Mr C F

Sharp, Capt A G
Doveton, Capt and Mrs T H
Carlyon, Lt T
Holland, Mr T H
Kavanagh, Col C T
Anderson, Capt C F
Holt, Lt H G
Granville, Mr H C
Hewlett, Miss M O
Smith, Mr and Mrs W Donald
MacDonald, Mr P J
Burham, Mr W H
Elworthy, Hon Mr H
Cooper, Mr H H
Dalyseth, Mr A T
Hunter, Mr C R
Simpkin, Mr F H
Eastern, Capt P G
Hooper, Mr D
Allen, Mr H
Bagg, Rev M W
Henderson, Dr
Milligan, Mr J A
March, Mr G A
Rawling, Capt E G
Noyce, Mr F
Sweet, Mr W
Simson, Mr A B
Studdert, Mr T
Kerrick, Col and Mrs
Harwood, Mr H
Jackson, Mr V H
McLean, Mr D
Gilmer, Miss
Griffith, Mr W M
Trunkett, Mr and Mrs F G
Cowie, Capt H E C
Mugaet, Mr J D
McPherson, Mr S
Flood, Mr J E M
Cameron, Mr A P

HOMEWARD MAIL.

The following passengers are booked to proceed to-day by the P. and O. Company's steamer Arcadia, Commander Valentine, to Marseilles and London:—

Anderson, Mr and Mrs 2 children and infant
Anderson, Mr J S
Asub, Mr Mohamed
Amesburg, Mr F K
Ashby Mr G
Biancheri, Mr C
Bristol, Mr S
Brown, Mr O J C
Buck, Mr
Chagin, Mr
Cowley, Mr R M
Dean, Mr and Mrs W S
Duckworth, Miss
Duckworth, Mrs
Ghotak, Mr N
Godfree, Mr and Mrs P C
Howell, Mr E B, I C S
Huddleston, Mr and Mrs C G and infant
Hutchinson, Capt and Mrs and child
Hunter, A E
Huddlestone, Mr and Mrs R C T
Haskell, Mr D
Khosla, Mr C
Kaye, Mr B B
Lamb, Mrs R A and infant
Laul, Mr H K
Le Fevre, Rev A D and Mrs
Lovett, Maj-Genl Beresford
Lovett, Mrs Beresford
Leiser, Mr G
Macdonald, Mr
Macdonell, Miss
Mulraj, Mr
Murphy, Capt W S
Navrojee, Miss
O'Brien, Miss
Powell, Mr and Mrs and inf
Pettigrew, Mr D
Pearce, Mr C
Rivingston, Mr H S
Ross, Mr P J
Solomon, Mr
Solomon, Mr Hy
Summerhayes, Dr
Syrett, Miss
Skene, Mr J G
Symons, Mrs H
Schalits, Mr Arie
Suliman, Mr S M
Teal, Miss
Williams, Mrs A B C

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	0	8
B Mandvi, Cumbla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	0	1	21
C Market, Dhobi Talao Panaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	2	0	13
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatti, Walkeshwar, and Malabar Hill	0	0	14
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nhavada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	0	0	22
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	0	10
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	7
Water Division	0	0	9
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	1	10
Total	2	2	100
Total plague deaths to date	133,783		
Same date last year	6	7	79

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THE GENERAL STAFF

Organisation Scheme.

MR. HALDANE'S MEMORANDUM.

THERE was issued [illegible] a Special Army Order on the organisation of the General Staff, the text of which is given below. A Memorandum was also issued by Mr. Haldane on the subject, which reads as follows:—

The publication of an Army Order formally constituting a General Staff for the British Army marks a further and very important step in the reconstitution of our military system in accordance with the recommendations of the Esher Committee.

The new Order defines broadly the functions of the General Staff both at Army Headquarters and in the Commands and Districts, how it is to be formed and maintained, its establishment, the duration of appointments in it, and the recognition that approved service on the Staff will receive. But it is not the details of the new Army Order or the duties assigned in that Order to the General Staff that now deserve attention so much as the general principle underlying the formation of a General Staff on lines well understood in most foreign armies.

The creation of a General Staff must, as the Esher Committee foresaw, require time, and it is probable that as the new department grows, and as its influence becomes widely felt, certain provisions in the present Army Order may have to be modified. For the moment, the point chiefly claiming attention is the new departure in our Army that the formation of a distinct Staff department represents. On this point some explanation will not be out of place in view of misapprehensions that have arisen and may yet arise. The necessity for any change at all is sometimes challenged; and, further, it is claimed that the Staff system existing hitherto in our Army is exactly the same in principle as that in vogue in most Continental armies. Such a view, however, is not held by those who understand what General Staff really means. "There is really no such thing at all in the English Army as a General Staff, regarded as a special body of officers." So wrote General Bronsart von Schellendorff some thirty years ago, and the following description given by him of the English Staff system at that time held good up to and including the period of the South African war. "The Staff in the English Army," he wrote, "is looked upon rather as consisting of the general officers holding commands and the Saffs attached to them in peace or war. Nevertheless,

THE SPHERE OF THE DUTIES

of the Staff belonging to every high command is a most important one and is far more extensive than that of the General Staffs of Continental armies, in as much as in England the greater part of the duties connected with military administration and, such like matters, so far as military knowledge is concerned, is carried on by the Staff."

Probably, no one who took part in the late war will deny that the above is an accurate description of our Staff system during the period 1899 to 1902. In theory at least, specialisation was discouraged, and distribution of work in a Staff depended mainly on the will of the General and of his chief Staff Officer, the result being that the Staff system in one Command differed fundamentally from that obtaining in other Commands of the same description; moreover, the distinction between real Staff duties and purely administrative functions was so fine as to be practically non-existent. Any doubtless, in small wars the need for specialisation in Staff matters is not very apparent. As General von Scheilendorff well points out in his work on "The Duties of the General Staff": "As long as armies were small and movements, encampments, and fighting formations were laid down by hard and fast regulations, the want of trained General Staff Officers was scarcely felt. The plan determined on by the general in command usually contained the details of execution. But few directions were therefore necessary to secure, in the way that was intended, the quartering, concentration, and general advance against the enemy of any army in its fixed, or only slightly modified, fighting formation. . . . But this state of affairs no longer exists. The enormous numerical strength of modern armies and the way they must be organised to meet the constantly changing requirements of war render an immense amount of preparation necessary in carrying out military operations even under apparently similar circumstances of time and place. Thus the higher leaders and commanders necessarily require the permanent support of specially selected and trained officers . . . A necessity has universally been felt of having a distinct portion of the staff entrusted with planning and carrying out the movements of armies in the field, and generally distinguished, by some special name. This particular branch of the Staff of a general holding an important post in the field is known in the German Army as the General Staff."

THE ROLE IN TIME OF PEACE

But it is not only in the field that a trained General Staff makes its influence felt. It has a further role in peace, the importance of which cannot well be exaggerated. In one respect an army, and to a less extent a navy, differs from every other profession in that it may exist for a generation or more without ever being used for the purpose for which it has its being. In the interval between one war and another the circumstances in which war is carried on may have so altered as to render many of the lessons of any previous campaign almost valueless. Between the Napoleonic wars and 1870 the railway and the telegraph had virtually revolutionised the conduct of war. The fact that in Prussia the changed conditions were fully grasped, while in France they were largely ignored, can be ascribed only to the existence in the former country of a real General Staff and to the absence of one in the latter. The collection of information, the observation of scientific and material progress in the world, and the study of possible theatres of war, are all important functions of a General Staff. But the collection of information is not in itself sufficient. Based on the information accumulated, plans of campaign and theories applicable to changed conditions must be evolved, and the training and the organisation of a nation's army must, if necessary, be modified accordingly. In other words, it is the business of the General Staff at Army Headquarters to ensure that the military system in every part is always up to date and that military science in all its branches receives adequate recognition.

General Staff officers in Commands looking to the Chief of the General Staff as their departmental head, appointed on his advice and trained under his personal supervision, should be fully capable of aiding the Generals with whom they are serving to promote military efficiency and to carry out the policy prescribed at Army Headquarters. Moreover, owing to their accelerated promotion which is to be the reward of approved service on the General Staff, it is probable that the majority of the higher commanders will in course of time have themselves served in the General Staff—a fact which should in future give to Army training a solidity and continuity which have not been always conspicuous in the past.

A General Staff is essentially a War Staff, and every member of it should keep the possibility of war and the requirements of war constantly before his mind. But while applying himself to the study of the theory of war it is essential that he should remain in closest touch with the troops and with

PRACTICAL EXIGENCIES.

In foreign countries this touch between the General Staff and the remainder of the Army is obtained by ensuring that every officer belonging to the General Staff shall, in every rank, actually command troops. For instance, if he belongs to the Infantry he must command a company, a battalion, and a regiment before reaching general's rank. The rule is analogous to that in our own Navy, which prescribes a certain period of sea service in each rank before an officer can be promoted to the next senior rank. A similar rule is, it will be noticed, a feature of the Army Order, where it is laid down that all appointments to the General Staff will be for four years, after which an officer if below the rank of substantive lieutenant-colonel will return to regimental duty for a period of not less than one year. For the sake of the General Staff itself it is to be hoped that this rule will be rigidly enforced, and that exceptions to it will be rare.

The General Staff will be judged by the men it produces. If they prove themselves to be pedantic theorists, if they get out of touch with the Army, or if they exercise their authority by interfering in the details of administrative business for which others are responsible, the failure of the present attempt to form a General Staff is certain. If, on the other hand, they show themselves capable of mastering the science of war, of fully understanding war organisation in all its branches, and of imparting their own knowledge to the Army at large the influence of the General Staff in this country will become as far-reaching as it is in Germany or in Japan. That influence will be exercised in the interest of no one part of the Army alone. As its name implies, the General Staff will be just as much responsible for the training and war organisation of the Auxiliary Forces and of the Regular Army.

Further, provided the General Staff can avoid the suspicion of wishing to interfere in purely administrative matters, there is no reason why its influence should not extend ultimately far beyond these shores and India. The self-governing Colonies will, it is certain, never brook interference in matters connected with the administration and the finance of their own military forces.

But it is, perhaps, not too much to hope that they may in time welcome the assistance of a body of highly trained experts, drawn from all parts of the Empire, whose concern is mainly the war organisation and the "war training of the Imperial Forces as a whole. Should such an ideal ever be realised, the new General Staff will become a real bond of union between the widely scattered military forces of the Empire, giving to them all common ideas even in matters of detail, so that, if ever the necessity should arise, they could readily be concentrated to form a realy homogeneous Imperial Army.

TERMS OF THE ORDER.

The Army Order thus explained is as follows:—

WAR OFFICE, Sept. 12, 1906.

The following Instructions are promulgated to the Army.

ORGANISATION OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

1. The General Staff of the Army falls into two principal divisions, *viz.*—

(*a*) The General Staff at Army Headquarters.
(*b*) The General Staff in commands and districts.

2 The functions of the former are to advise on the strategical distribution of the Army, to supervise the education of officers, and the training and preparation of the Army for war, to study military schemes, offensive and defensive, to collect and collate military intelligence, to direct the general policy in Army matters, and to secure continuity of action in the execution of that policy.

3. The functions of the latter are to assist the officers on whose staffs they are serving in promoting military efficiency, especially in regard to the education of officers and the training of the troops, and to aid them in carrying out the policy prescribed by Army Headquarters.

4. With these objects in view, the General Staff will be drawn from the officers of the Army who may be considered most likely to prove capable of forming a school of progressive military thought.

5. The detailed duties which fall to the lot of the General Staff, in furtherance of these objects, are enumerated in Appendix A.

6. The establishment of the General Staff, exclusive of India, *i. e.*, the detailed lists of those posts which will constitute the General Staff appointments of the Army, is given in Appendix B.

7. Appointments to the posts specified in Appendix B will be made from a special list of officers considered well qualified for such employment, termed "The Central Staff List."

8. This list will be drawn up and from time to time revised by the Army Council, in consultation with the Selection Board, and with the Commander-in-Chief in India.

The list will not be published.

9. As a general rule, an officer will not be eligible to have his name placed on the General Staff list unless he holds a Staff College certificate, and unless he has at least eight years' service. But the guiding principle in the selection of officers for this list will be the possession of those qualifications which render them fitted for the performance of the duties of the General Staff.

Of these qualifications, experience on the administrative staff, though not indispensable, will not be disregarded.

10. Officers at present occupying posts specified in Appendix B will not necessarily be selected for the General Staff list.

Officers performing duties other than those detailed in Appendix B are not thereby debarred from selection for the General Staff list.

THE MAKING OF APPOINTMENTS.

11. At home and in the Colonies appointments to the General Staff will be made by the Secretary of State for War from the General Staff list after taking the advice of the Chief of the General Staff. Such appointments, except in the case of staff captains and brigade-majors, will be submitted to the King for his Majesty's approval.

In India such appointments will be made by the Commander-in Chief in India under Indian Army Regulations.

12. All appointments to the General Staff will be for four years, after which an officer, if below the rank of substantive lieutenant-colonel, will return to regimental duty for a period of not less than one year, in exceptional cases the four years' tenure may be extended in the interests of the service, and under similar exceptional conditions a fresh appointment may be made irrespective of the time already spent upon the staff in the performance of other duties.

13. All first appointments to the General Staff will be on probation for the first year. If at the conclusion of such probationary period an officer is retained in his General Staff appointment, his tenure of four years will include the probationary period, and will not be in addition to it. An officer below the rank of lieut.-col. who does not hold a Staff College certificate will after he has completed the first year's tenure of his first General Staff appointment, be sent for one year to the Staff College, where he shall be admitted without entrance examination.

14. When an officer vacates a General Staff appointment his retention on the General Staff list will be subject to the decision of the Secretary of State and advised by the Chief of General Staff, or of the Commander-in-Chief in India, as the case may be.

In addition to the General Staff appointments specified in Appendix B, officers may be attached to the General Staff at Army Headquarters, and occasionally also at the headquarters of commands and elsewhere in excess of the numbers detailed in Appendix B.

Approved service on the General Staff will be recognised by accelerated promotion. Such accelerated promotion will be bestowed in ordinary cases in the form of a brevet up to the rank of lieut.-col., and above that rank by selection for the rank of substantive colonel.

APPENDIX A.

DETAILED DUTIES OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

1. At the War Office.—The duties are divided and dealt with in three sections, *viz.*, Military Operations, Staff Duties and Military Training.

(*a*) MILITARY OPERATIONS.

Plans of offensive and defensive operations other than in the United Kingdom. Strategical distribution of the Army. Defence schemes abroad. Collection, preparation, and distribution of information as to British Possessions other than the United Kingdom and India.

Collection, preparation (including stategical and tactical consideration) and distribution of information concerning the military geography, resources and armed forces of all foreign countries. Supply of information regarding India and adjoining territories questions relating to the defence of India other than those concerning coast defences. Correspondence with military attaches. Examination of foreign journals and literature generally.

Submarine cables and wireless telegraphy. Ciphers. Library.

Collection of topographical information, compilation and preparation of all maps required for military purposes. All matters connected with frontier questions, boundary delimitations, and Demarcation Commissions. Selection of officers for survey and geographical work. Issue of maps for war.

(*b*) STAFF DUTIES.

Organisation, formation, and instruction of the General Staff. Appointments to the General Staff. Entrance to Staff and Cadet Colleges. Instruction at Staff and Cadet Colleges. Higher training of officers and their examinations for promotion. Foreign language examinations. Preparation for publication of all works bearing on military operations. Military history. General Staff libraries.

(*c*) MILITARY TRAINING.

War organisation. War establishments. Home defence. Plans of concentration for war. Reconnaissance of the United Kingdom. Study of local defence schemes in the United Kingdom.

Training (all arms, including Army Reserve.) Manœuvres, Examination and criticism of manœuvres reports. Allotment of funds for training and manœuvres. Questions connected with the requisition of training grounds and ranges. Appointment of higher Staffs and supervision of instruction at schools for war training. Writing of training manuals. Telegraphs and signalling.

2. In Commands and Divisions.—Schemes of defence in the command. The organisation for war. The training and instruction of the troops. Education and examination of officers. Staff rides. Preparation and execution of schemes for concentrations, manœuvres, and field operations. Intelligence duties.

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APPENDIX B.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

I.—DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS.

Branch.	Major-Generals.	Brigadier-Gens.	Cols., Gen. Staff	Lieut.-Cols. or Maj. Gen. Staff	Staff Capts.	Brigade-Majors.	As assistant to General Staff.	As necessary.	Total Officers.
Director of Military Operations	1	—	3	14	17	—			35
Director of Staff Duties	1	—	1	2	4	—			9
Director of Military Training	1	—	2	4	6	—			13
Total at Army Headquarters	3	—	6	21	27	—			57

II.—IN COMMANDS AND DISTRICTS.

Command or District.	Major-Generals.	Brigadier-Gens.	Cols., Gen. Staff	Lieut.-Cols. or Maj. Gen. Staff	Staff Capts.	Brigade-Majors.	As assistant to General Staff.	As necessary.	Total Officers.
Aldershot Army Corps	—	1	3	1	1	4			11
Eastern Command	—	1	2	a3	b1	5			12
Irish Command	—	1	2	c3	d1	6			13
London District	—	—	1	1	—	1			3
Northern Command	—	1	1	e1	e2	—			5
Scottish Command	—	1	1	f1	—	—			3
Southern Command	—	1	1	g3	—	3			8
Welsh and Midland Command	—	—	1	h1	—	—			7
South Africa	—	1	2	2	2	—			7
West Africa (Sierra Leone)	—	—	—	1	—	—			1
North China	—	—	—	1	1	—			2
South China	—	—	—	1	—	—			1
Gibraltar	—	—	—	1	—	2			3
Malta	—	—	1	—	1	2			4
Mauritius	—	—	—	1	—	—			1
Egypt	—	—	—	1	—	—			1
Military Attaches	—	—	—	11	—	—			11
Staff College	—	1	—	1	7	—			9
Royal Military Academy	—	—	—	1	4	—			5
Royal Military College (Camberley)	—	—	1	—	7	—			8
Royal Military College (Canada)	—	—	—	i1	i2	—			3
Egyptian Army	—	—	1	1	2	—			4
Colonial military employment	k1	—	—	k3	—	—			4
Total in Commands	1	6	16	54	12	25	—		114
Grand total at Army Headquarters and in commands	4	6	22	75	39	25	—		171

a Includes two Coast Defence (Thames, Dover).
b Includes one Coast Defence (Harwich).
c Includes one Coast Defence (Cork).
d Coast Defence (Londonderry).
e Coast Defence (Newcastle, Jersey).
f Coast Defences.
g Includes two Coast Defence (Portsmouth, Plymouth).
h Coast Defence (Milford Haven).
i One commandant two professors.
j Director of Operations and Staff Duties, Canada; Staff Officer to Inspector-General, West Africa, Professor of Military History and Strategy, Sydney.
k Chief of General Staff Canada.

A NATION IN ARMS.

MR. HALDANE'S GERMAN LESSONS AND THE VOLUNTEERS.

London, Sept. 14.

"A nation in arms is the only safeguard," declared Mr. Haldane, in a speech at Newcastle-on-Tyne this evening.

"I desire," he said, "to popularise the conception of a nation in arms. I do not mean a spirit of militarism—I hate militarism—but militarism so-called is one thing, and the obligations of the national defence to stand up for their hearths and homes, and for the interests of the Empire is another. We must resort to the people. Unless we have an army based on the people it will be, according to the modern war standard, a weak army."

Speaking of the General Staff order, he said it was no new conception. The original idea must be labelled "Made in Germany." It was imported by the Hartington Commission a good many years ago, and its principles were finally embodied in the admirable memorandum of Mr. Arnold-Forster.

He did not deny that it might have in it something from the recent investigations on the other side of the German ocean. It had many things that would not have been there unless he had had repeated and frequent conversations with the German General Staff.

But our problem was different from the German and we could not transplant German institutions. The organisation of the business side of the Army interested him more than the General Staff, and we could learn from abroad the enormous advantages of decentralisation.

As to the so-called auxiliary forces, he believed in one national Army with regulars, militia, yeomanry and volunteers all forming one whole, a kind of military cone with a sharp point of finely-tempered metal (the regular troops) to be of the very highest degree of training.

He hoped that on January 1 we should see completed the six great divisions, perfect in all arms, each thoroughly organised for the service of the country and particularly with a view of acting in concert with the Navy.

He looked to the volunteers for expansion. We should concentrate our energies and spend our money in training men between seventeen and twenty-four, and passing them trained into the reserve from which they would come forth on national emergencies.

If we had sufficient national enthusiasm we might get into the field and maintain an army of seven or eight or nine hundred thousand men.

"C.-B" AND THE "GENERAL STAFF."

A HINT FOR UNIONISTS.

THERE is an incident in the history of the formation of a General Staff for the British Army, writes a correspondent, which deserves the attention of Unionists.

In 1891 the Hartington Commission on Naval and Military Administration strongly urged the formation of a General Staff for the Army. From that recommendation one Commissioner dissented on the ground that "in this country there is, in truth, no room for general military policy." He continued: "I am, therefore, at a loss to know where, for this large branch of its duties, the new department could find an adequate field in the circumstances of this country. There might, indeed, be a temptation to create such a field for itself, and I am thus afraid that, while there would be no use for the proposed office, there might be in it some danger to our best interests."

The Commissioner who thus expressed his views was Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the present Prime Minister, and head of the Government which is now responsible for the creation of a General Staff!

Sir Henry's leading organ, the "Daily News," has all unconsciously, provided the proper comment on the situation. It said yesterday of the General Staff "that we have been without it so long is only one more evidence of our national preference for muddle rather than method." On his own showing, Sir Henry had the same preference "for muddle rather than method."

THE SERVICES AT HOME.

INDIA OFFICE, September. 4.

ARRIVALS REPORTED IN LONDON.

Capt J Frizelle, B
Mr T M Xavier, B
Mr C O Connell, B
Mr R M Williamson, B
Mr F H Todd, B
Mr F A Foy, B
Mr W G McFarland, M Cov

Brig-Gen O L Woollcombe, Allahabad, B lc
Major G V Holmes, Meywar Bhil Corps.
Lieut A R Withers, 16 Cav
Lieut J L Murphy, 43 Erinpura R

EXTENSIONS OF LEAVE.

Major T W Irvine, I M S, B, study leave from July 1 to 7 1906

...IAL NEWS.

...BOY, September 7th.

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THE WEEK'S MAIL SUMMARY

[Reuter's Telegrams.]

The King.—His Majesty left Buckingham Palace on Saturday last from Marylebone (the Great Central Railway) station to stay at Sandringham, Norfolk, during the Doncaster Races. His Majesty returned to London on Monday, the 17th inst. [illegible]

The Queen.—Her Majesty left Sandringham on Tuesday last for Windsor, where she arrived in the afternoon. The Princess Royal, who has recently undergone an operation, was present at the station on Tuesday to welcome her Majesty. Her Royal Highness is making satisfactory progress.

Association of Chambers of Commerce.—The annual meeting was opened on Tuesday at Bristol. Sir W. H. Holland, M. P., the president, [illegible] that Sir R. Cross's verbal inquiries from the Chinese Government [illegible] the administration of the Mauritius town rates [illegible] therefore were to be made. Sir [illegible] discussed the subject. The Association agreed [illegible] An amendment was moved on protectionist lines in favour of [illegible] with Canada, but [illegible] to the effect that free trade, the meeting could [illegible] desire for closer [illegible] from the colonies [illegible] was [illegible] programme for the "Mitchelstown massacre," after which passed the Local Government and Land Purchase Acts.

Labour.—The Trade Union Congress at Liverpool [illegible] to ask the Government to establish a national system of old-age pensions, decided in favour of [illegible] and adopted a resolution for the nationalisation of railways, canals, and mines.—Further disorder took place on Saturday in the South Wales coalfield between the federation [illegible] and the non-unionists.

Lunacy.—The Lunacy Commissioners' report that [illegible] persons in England and Wales were certified [illegible] January 1 last, an increase of 3,150 for the [illegible]

Railway.—Mr. Haldane has issued a memorandum [illegible] Commission with an Army Order [illegible] consultation [illegible] General Staff.

Army.—The opening service of the Three Choirs [illegible] was held at Hereford cathedral on Sunday, [illegible] Archdeacon preached. [illegible] the [illegible] accompanied by Dr. Walford Davies. [illegible] Tuesday, *The Soul's Ransom*, by Sir [illegible] Percy, was produced on Wednesday.

Ireland.—Mr. G. Wyndham, M.P., speaking at [illegible] on Saturday, denied that when Sir A. [illegible] was made Under-Secretary for Ireland [illegible] with unconstitutional powers, or that [illegible] been given to any scheme of devolution. [illegible] certain vagueness in the relationship [illegible] Lord-lieutenant and himself. Mr. Long, [illegible] Londonderry on Wednesday, received his [illegible] for publication of the letters now being read [illegible] to a [illegible] threat over the heads of the [illegible] Lord Londonderry at a Primrose League [illegible] gration on Saturday, said that devolution was [illegible] monstrous than Home Rule, to which it was [illegible] gone.

Trade Returns.—The exports for August were [illegible] £31,499,000, "record" total, showing an increase [illegible] 15·4 per cent. Imports, £48,694,021 [illegible] increased by [illegible] per cent.

Cricket.—The cricket match between Gentlemen [illegible] Players, at Scarborough, ended in a draw on Monday. [illegible] the champion eight on Monday [illegible] Association at Chatsworth. [illegible] Tuesday [illegible] the Nestor of England, completed [illegible] innings [illegible] 100, and in all was [illegible] 1,745 for five wickets [illegible] second innings.—The boat race between Cambridge and Harvard University [illegible] Saturday [illegible] Putney and Mortlake resulted in Cambridge [illegible] by two lengths.—The [illegible] race meeting [illegible] Doncaster [illegible] Yorkshire Handicap [illegible] won by Mr. O. W. Rowland's [illegible] Oh [illegible] Mr. Leigh was [illegible] the Duke of [illegible] Ironheels.

THE EMPIRE.

Canada.—The Dominion [illegible] New Zealand [illegible] not yet published, but the duties are [illegible] preferential conditionally.—The Montreal Bureau shows [illegible] of $75,725.

Canada.—Mr. Courtney, in a message to Canadians, [illegible] forward to a solid defensive league of [illegible] and under the leadership of [illegible] a first [illegible]

South Africa.—Mr. Moor, leader of the Natal Opposition, [illegible] issued an election manifesto stating [illegible] opposition [illegible] Natal Ministry [illegible] Thomas and Farmers say that unification is [illegible] the range of practical politics.—The Colonial Treasurer of Cape Colony has appointed Lord Selborne in connexion with the levelling up of railway rates in the detriment of Cape Colony.—In the Transvaal the responsible Government party is trying to form a new organisation to include the Moderates and Independents. Its policy is to be federation under the British flag and the repatriation of the Chinese.

THE UNITED STATES.

President Roosevelt's "spelling reform" order has been found to violate a law making Webster's Dictionary the standard of Government orthography.

Foreign Trade.—A great decrease in United States trade to the Far East causes considerable anxiety.

FOREIGN.

Austro-Hungary.—It has been agreed that all questions relating to the economic relations of Austria and Hungary shall be submitted to a joint committee of Austrian and Hungarian advisers.

China.—Our Peking Correspondent says that the negotiations concerning the Kai-lung-Canton Railway have reached a deadlock, and [illegible] interesting indication of the present extent of Chinese obstruction.—Prince Cheng-tai early in August [illegible] Shansi a few weeks ago, but was ultimately dispensed.—Sir John Jordan, the British Minister, arrived at Peking on Monday.—Tsao Chun-hsuan, Viceroy of Canton, has been transferred to the Viceroyalty of Yun-nan. His successor is Chao Erh-hsun, transferred from Nanking to Fu-chau.

Crete.—A meeting of the National Assembly on Saturday, which was to have expressed an opinion regarding Prince George's impending retirement, was [illegible] by the Consuls of the Powers.

Cuba.—A detachment of insurgents, which had derailed an armoured train, was taken in the rear and sustained a crushing defeat.—President Palma has suspended all constitutional guarantees in the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana, and Santa Clara.—An American warship has been sent to Cuban waters, and will take Freedom Palma on board if the situation becomes desperate.

France.—The Bishops' Assembly has ended and adjourned. There is an impression that the minority favouring resistance to the Separation Law have got the upper hand. The French Government's attitude towards the dilemma created by the rupture by the Papacy is expressed in a statement by M. Briand and M. Clemenceau. On Tuesday the Cabinet considered the decision to apply the Separation Law in its entirety, but to avoid, as far as possible, such measures as would be represented by Clericals as "persecution".—The British officers present at the manœuvres express themselves in terms of the highest praise as to the spirit and efficiency of the French army.—Mme. Humbert is to be set free, having served three of the five years to which she was sentenced for obtaining money under false pretences.

Germany.—Those speeches which the German Emperor has made in a spirit of loyal patriotism, while in Silesia at the manœuvres, are suggested to considerable criticism.—A German professor who lately visited England says that Germans can never consent to the slightest compromise on a disarmament of the army and the navy.

Persia.—The Senate last week rejected the ordinances drafted by the Grand Vizier, and submitted those of their own. The action of the Government was severely criticised as a stroke of the clergy, merchants, and tradesmen. On Saturday, the 15th, the Senate were again closed, and people were disposed to submit to the British Legation. The Shah has now signed the reforms ordinances. Arnold Dowdall, the Cleveland Visitor, has been sent away and business has been resumed.

Russia.—At section 109 persons are stated to have been killed and wounded, a massacre having been promised, it is alleged, by the terrorists killing soldiers and policemen.—A Correspondent gives particulars of measures for transporting land to [illegible] and the amount of land that has already changed [illegible] As Baku the British Vice-Consul has narrowly escaped being killed by an assassin.—A Jewish girl has been [illegible] by an assassin, and a bomb [illegible] a police [illegible] to death for [illegible] and another [illegible] hanged for killing General Kluit.—It is explained that [illegible] cannot [illegible] authority for the convening of the Constitutional Democrats.—The congress will [illegible] be held in Finland at Viborg.—The question of [illegible] the peasants equal rights with [illegible] [illegible] complicated by the laws on land [illegible] and [illegible] of Jewish disabilities, will be [illegible] a German Jew.

The Jesuits.—Father [illegible] Society of Jesus. He has been elected General of the [illegible] and has been affectionately congratulated by the Pope.

Obituary.—Major-General W. [illegible] Major-General W. J. Tanner; Canon H. Rolfe; [illegible] Mr. R. Harris, K.C.; Mr. A. J. [illegible] Mr. S. Bell; Lady Gray; and Lady M. [illegible]

THE CAMBRIDGE CREW.

BRIDGE BOATS.

[illegible] Cambridge.

[illegible] Monday, Sept. [illegible] took place upon the river [illegible] Cambridge [illegible] competition. The crews [illegible] Cambridge [illegible] Harvard, [illegible] Mr. Thornycroft [illegible] the Eyot ran away with [illegible] Mr. Thornycroft [illegible] was leading by a length and a half, which was easily increased to [illegible] and again at the Thames Stake, about the same distance separating the boats at the Devonshire Arms.

After this stage was practically all over. Barnes Bridge being shot with a three-length advantage in favour of the Cantabs. Harvard, game to the end, spurted again and reduced the [illegible] length on [illegible] at Stanton [illegible] Cambridge passed the University winning [illegible] of Mortlake, easy winners of a very [illegible] by 2 lengths in [illegible] 18s.

EVENING FESTIVITIES.

In the evening the Harvard crew were the guests of the Cantabs at Prince's Restaurant, the chair at the dinner being occupied by Col. F. Wilmot, who rowed bow in the four-oared race against Harvard in 1869. Mr. J. A. Tinne, who was No. 3 in that Oxford crew being also present, as well as Mr. Whitelaw Reid, in the course of his speech remarked that he was authorised to say on behalf of Harvard that they would assure Cambridge of a good welcome when they came over to America as Harvard had received in England. It had [illegible] been determined after great and exhaustive negotiations that, though it was 3,000 miles from New York or Boston, it was no more from London to New York.—President Roosevelt had followed the race with [illegible] greatest interest, and it was not exactly patient with the result, he was pleased to say in which Harvard had borne their defeat.

Mr. Pelley, the Harvard stroke, had a great reception. He said, "We have rowed against the best sportsmen in the world, and we go home with the recollection of five weeks spent to the harvest week and in the companionship of [illegible] than the best crew won. None can say to the contrary. The result would have been the same had the race been rowed from Mortlake to Putney, instead of from Putney to Mortlake. We are only sorry we could not give Cambridge a better race."

Subsequently, the crews occupied seats at the Alhambra, and were [illegible] in each [illegible]

Our [illegible] the station were driven [illegible] to Lord Hindlip's, Weldon's [illegible] at Ansty, and to lunch and subsequently to Compton's, where they inspected [illegible] Cottage, where their supper was a standing [illegible] to Audley End, they remained there for the night.

According to the New York correspondent of the *Times*, the [illegible] that victory is no great matter, and [illegible] less. There should be more [illegible] international contests with the same [illegible] and it is now the duty of an English University crew to risk defeat as [illegible] as Harvard has done. The *Herald* [illegible] commenting on [illegible] opinion that the Harvard oarsmen looked [illegible] says that their [illegible] with not [illegible] among their popularity among [illegible] and [illegible] their wrestling [illegible] The *Times* is grateful to the American University [illegible] for [illegible] the [illegible] Jackson in British waters, and the *Daily Telegraph* finds consolation in the triumph of the English stroke and in that of amateur [illegible] over professional.

The *Express* remarks that an American victory would have been welcomed as [illegible] victory for the better [illegible] or better style of rowing was more important and desirable. The welcome which they [illegible] received was gratifying [illegible] evidence that [illegible] and American [illegible] can compete, as they should always compete, on a footing of mutual courtesy and respect, with no taint of international suspicion or prejudice.

DIVINE SERVICE.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (SEPT. 30).

ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL.

8 a.m.—Matins.
8-30 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral—Woodward in E. flat. Hymns 324, 162, and 317.
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8-30 a.m.—Parade Service—Preacher Rev. A. C. Boswell.
3-30 p.m.—Evening Service—Preacher: Rev. O. Hinder Smith.
3 p.m.—Sunday School.
6-30 p.m.—Evening Service.

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3-30 p.m.—Preacher Rev. A. C. Boswell.
3 p.m.—Sunday School.

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8-30 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—United Service (St. Andrew's Church).
6-30 p.m.—Evening Service.

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7-30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
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6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—297, 424, 494, 496 and 535.

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11 a.m.—Matins and Litany.
3-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

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8 a.m.—Matins.
9 a.m.—Holy Communion—(Choral).
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

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11 a.m.—Choral Morning Service.
6-30 p.m.—Evening Service.
Hymns—[illegible]

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8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
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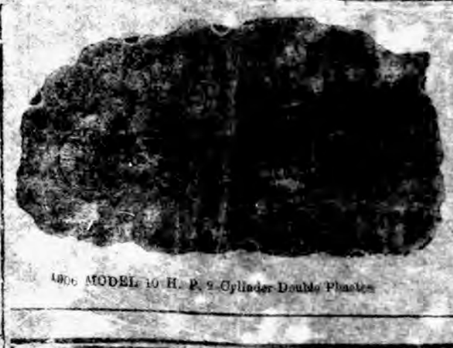

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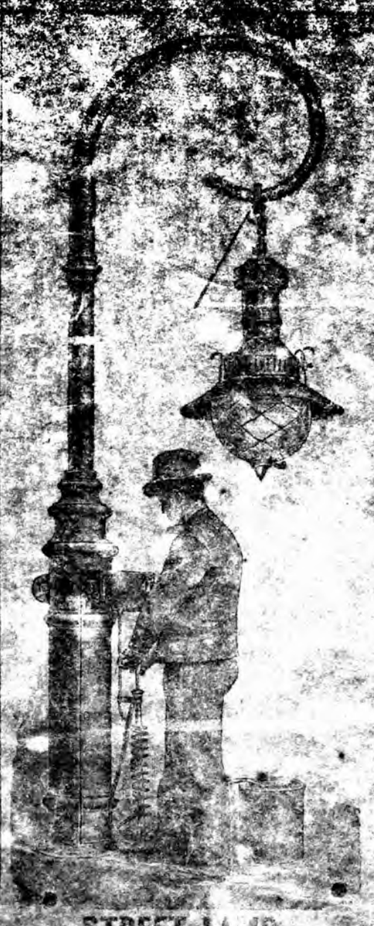

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